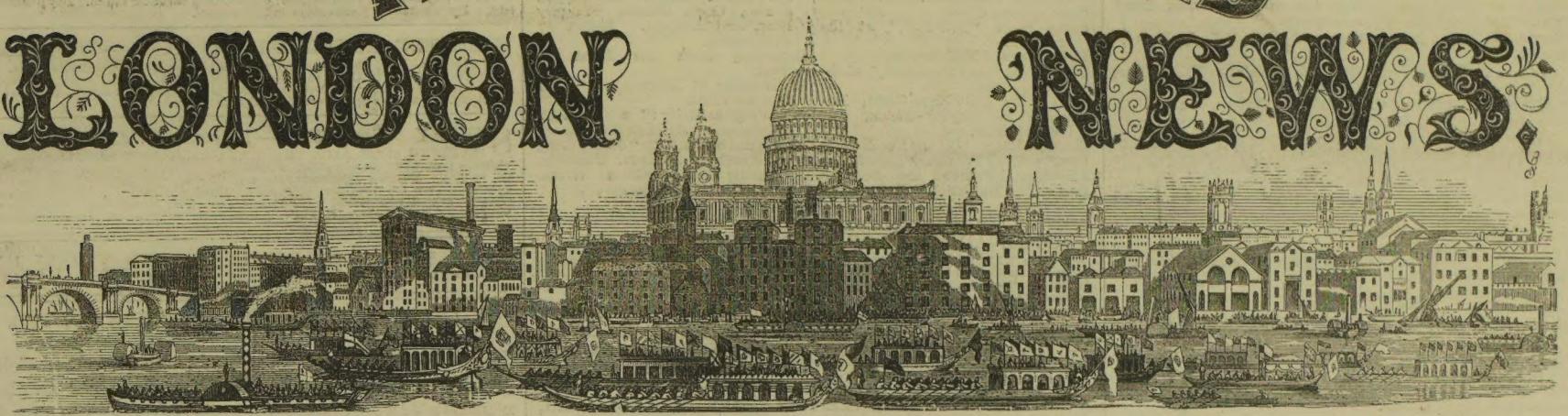


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FROM A SKETCH BY ONE OF OUR SPECIAL ARTISTS.

that the Constitution of Government in France should provide easy access to moderate men of all parties.

Meanwhile, M. Buffet has sustained as severe a defeat as can well be imagined. It would, perhaps, be unfair to overwhelm him with reproach, inasmuch as, no doubt, he meant to do the best he could for the well-being of his country. He is sufficiently punished, both as a man and as a Minister, by the issue of the Senatorial elections. As a man, he gave full play to a scared imagination, assumed as certain evils which facts did not warrant, and yielded to a domineering passion more analogous to that of a planter with slaves than to that of a ruler representative of free men. He understood not the genius of his own countrymen. He distrusted them. He wished to drive them. He sought to repress all freedom of discussion and of action amongst them. He had no fairness of spirit in him; as, indeed, easily-frightened men seldom have. It is said that even now he looks upon his utter failure as having been brought about, not by the arbitrariness of his administration, but by his not having carried it to a much greater extent. However, there can be no doubt that he has been soundly beaten, and that he must resign office. Marshal MacMahon is not likely to expose France to serious danger in order to soothe the self-complacency of M. Buffet. The President of the Republic better understands the scope of his official duty. The voice of the French people has reached him in a firm but highly-conciliatory tone. He has no choice but to obey it. No doubt he will obey it, and, as recognised master of the sword of France, he will take care that it is not used, save with a view, if necessary, of carrying into effect the deliberately-recorded will of France.

THE COURT.

The Queen, Princess Beatrice, and Prince Leopold attended Divine service on Sunday, performed at Osborne by the Rev. W. Barker, M.A., Vicar of St. Mary's, West Cowes. Her Majesty during the week has driven to Ryde, West Cowes, and Newport; and has also paid various visits, among which have been to Mrs. Prothero at Whippingham Rectory, and to Mrs. Shedd at Spring Hill. Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold have ridden and driven out daily. The Queen has received at dinner the Earl of Carnarvon, Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas and the Hon. Lady Biddulph, Sir John and Lady Cowell, and Major-General Ponsonby.

Her Majesty, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, will leave Osborne, on Monday next, for Buckingham Palace. The Queen will cross to Gosport, and travel thence to Nine-elms, whence she will drive to the palace.

We are authorised to state that the Queen will hold an official and Diplomatic Court on Thursday, the 24th inst., at Buckingham Palace.

Her Majesty has signified her intention of being present at a grand concert to be given in the Royal Albert Hall on the afternoon of Friday, the 25th inst.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by her children, left Copenhagen at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening, on her return to England. All the Ministers, the chief military and civil authorities, the Court officials, with their ladies, and Sir C. Lennox Wyke, the British Envoy, were at the railway station, where a large number of spectators had likewise assembled to witness the departure of her Royal Highness. All the members of the Danish Royal family accompanied the Princess to Korsor, where her Royal Highness embarked on board the mail-steamer Freya for Lubeck, escorted by the Danish ironclad Absalon. The King accompanied the Princess as far as Lubeck. Her Royal Highness was to pass Friday night at Frankfort-on-the-Main, and is expected to arrive in London on Sunday.

The Duke of Edinburgh presided at a special meeting of the council of the Royal Albert Hall at Clarence House on Saturday last.

Prince Christian was present yesterday week at a ball given by the officers of the "Drag Hunt" Brigade of Guards in the Victoria Barracks, Windsor.

The first Levée of the season was held on Tuesday, at Dublin Castle, by the Duke of Abercorn. The Drawingroom held at the castle on Wednesday by the Duke and Lady Georgiana Hamilton was attended by a large number of the Irish nobility and gentry.

The Marquis d'Azeglio has left London for Italy.

The Earl of Carnarvon has returned to town from Highclere.

The Earl of Harrington and Lady Philippa Stanhope left Harrington House, Charing-cross, on Saturday last, for Elvaston Castle, Derby.

The Earl and Countess of Effingham have arrived in town from Tuxmore House, Bicester, Oxon.

The Countess of Enniskillen has arrived in Eaton-place from Florence Court, Ireland.

The Countess of Chesterfield has arrived in town from Bretby.

Viscount and Viscountess Milton have left for America.

The usual Parliamentary dinners on the eve of the opening of Parliament will be given on Monday next by the Premier, Earl Granville, the Duke of Richmond, the Marquis of Hartington, and others.

An amateur dramatic entertainment took place yesterday week at Ragley Hall, Alcester, the seat of the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Chamberlain. The representation, which consisted of a comedietta, "Who Speaks First?" a proverb in two acts, and a comedy translated from the French, entitled "Tear," was given with admirable effect by the Marchioness of Hertford, Lady Mary Dashwood, the Hon. Mrs. Ferguson of Pitfour, the Countess of Yarmouth, Miss Constance Ponsonby, Lady Georgiana Seymour, the Hon. S. Ponsonby-Fane, Mr. E. F. S. Pigott, Lieutenant-Colonel Drury Lowe, the Earl of Yarmouth, Captain Dashwood, Mr. H. D. Erskine, and the Hon. Rupert Leigh.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGES.

The marriage of the Marquis of Ormonde and Lady Elizabeth Grosvenor, eldest daughter of the Duke of Westminster, was celebrated, on Wednesday morning, at Aldford Church, Cheshire. The service was choral, and was performed by the choir of Chester Cathedral. The officiating clergymen were the Hon. and Rev. F. Grey, the Rev. Canon Turner (Rector of Aldford), the Rev. J. G. Longueville (Rector of Eccleston), and

the Rev. Lord T. Butler. The bride's dress was of white satin, trimmed with Brussels lace and bunches of orange flowers and myrtle; the veil of Brussels lace. The bridesmaids were Lady Beatrice Grosvenor, Lady Margaret Grosvenor (sisters of the bride), Lady Mary Butler, and Lady Blanche Butler (sisters of the bridegroom). The bridesmaid's dresses were of white silk, polonaises of white matelassé, trimmed with white ostrich feathers, white Rubens felt hats with ostrich feathers. The bridegroom's "best man" was his brother, Lord Alfred Butler, and the bride was given away by her father. The wedding breakfast was given at Eaton Hall, his Grace's residence. The auspicious event was celebrated with great rejoicings in Chester. The bells of the cathedral, St. John's, St. Mary's, St. Michael's, and St. Peter's Churches were rung, and Bridge, Eastgate, and Foregate streets, as well as the more prominent buildings in the city, were decorated with flags. The presents to the bride and bridegroom were very numerous, and included gifts from the Queen, the Princess of Wales, Princess Beatrice, the Marquis of Lorne, the city of Chester, and the tenantry on the several English and Irish estates.

Marriages are arranged between Miss Louisa Charlotte Hamilton, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Claud Hamilton, and Professor Tyndall; and between Lieutenant-Colonel Sotheby, Rifle Brigade, and Miss Macmillan-Scott, eldest daughter of the late Thomas Macmillan-Scott, of Wauchope and Pinnaclehill, Roxburghshire.

NEW BARONETS.

The Queen has conferred the dignity of a baronetcy on the following gentlemen:—Mr. John Henry Scourfield, M.P.; Colonel Gilpin, M.P., Mr. John Leslie, M.P., Mr. Gilbert Greenall, M.P., Mr. John Hardy (who represented South Warwickshire in the last Parliament), Mr. John Walrond (formerly member for Tiverton), and Mr. Gerald Codrington, of Dodington, in the county of Gloucester.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT BY THE QUEEN.

On Tuesday next the Queen, accompanied by the Princess of Wales and Princess Beatrice, will proceed in state from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster to open the Session of Parliament with a Speech from the Throne.

The Royal procession between the two palaces will take the same route and be conducted with the same state as on previous occasions.

On arriving at the Palace of Westminster her Majesty will be received by the great officers of state and others, when the Royal procession will be formed and will move to the House of Peers in the following order:—

Pursuivants.

Heralds.

Esquires in Waiting to her Majesty.

Gentlemen Ushers to her Majesty.

Groom in Waiting to her Majesty.

Clerk Marshal.

The Comptroller of her Majesty's Household.

The Treasurer of her Majesty's Household.

The Keeper of the Privy Purse.

Norroy, King of Arms. Clarenceaux, King of Arms.

The Lord Privy Seal.

The Lord President of the Council.

The Lord High Chancellor.

The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. Garter Principal King of Arms.

The Earl Marshal. The Deputy Lord Great Chamberlain.

The Sword of State.

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Accompanied by her Royal Highness the Princess of WALES and her Royal Highness Princess BEATRICE.

And attended by the Mistress of the Robes and the Lady in Waiting.

The Lord Steward; the Lord in Waiting to her Majesty.

Pages of Honour.

The Groom of the Robes.

The Master of the Horse.

Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard; the Gold Stick.

Captain of the Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms.

The Silver Stick in Waiting; and the Field Officer in Brigade Waiting.

An officer of the respective corps of the Gentlemen-at-Arms and Yeomen of the Guard will close the procession, which will be accompanied by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The other members of the Royal family who may be present on the occasion will meet her Majesty at the Palace of Westminster.

Her Majesty, with the procession, will advance into the House of Peers, the Cap of Maintenance being borne immediately before her Majesty on the right hand of the Sword of State.

The Queen, being seated on her throne, the Lord bearing the Cap of Maintenance will stand on the steps of the throne, on the right, and the Peer bearing the Sword of state on the left, of her Majesty.

The Lord Chancellor will stand behind the Prince of Wales's chair, the Lord President on the right and the Lord Privy Seal on the left of her Majesty. The Earl Marshal will be on her Majesty's right, and the Lord Great Chamberlain will stand on the steps of the throne on the left of her Majesty to receive the Royal commands.

The Lord Steward and the other officers of her Majesty's household will arrange themselves on each side of the steps of the throne in the rear of the great officers of state.

When her Majesty retires the procession will return to the state carriage in the order as before.

NOTE.—When the Crown is not worn by the Queen it is carried before her Majesty by the peer appointed to carry it, who takes his place on the right hand of the throne next the Earl Marshal.

The Edinburgh Town Council passed a resolution on Tuesday, by a majority of eighteen to five, agreeing to memorialise the Government to withdraw the Fugitive Slave Circular.

Mr. Plimsoll, M.P., speaking at a meeting at Limehouse on Thursday week, mentioned that at the port of Sunderland seventy-nine ships had been stopped under the Merchant Shipping Act on the ground of alleged unseaworthiness; that on subsequent survey not one of the seventy-nine was found fit to proceed to sea in her then condition; that sixteen of these vessels (the tonnage of which ranged from 80 to 250 tons) had been sold subsequently by auction, and that not one of them realised so much as £30. The significance of this statement will be apparent when it is stated that a good, useful, cargo-carrying vessel costs from £14 to £20 per ton. Mr. Plimsoll addressed a meeting at Liverpool yesterday week on the subject of unclassed ships. He contended that when a vessel could no longer obtain classification on Lloyd's register she ought to be broken up. A large number of such vessels, however, were still afloat. He wanted to revive the lost trade of the ship-breaker, and to abolish that which had taken its place—that of the ship-knacker. He recommended that Lloyd's should make a compulsory survey, that such survey should be general and regular, and that the result should be taken as evidence of a vessel's seaworthiness.—Last Saturday evening a deputation, consisting of representatives of the employés of Messrs. Watkins and Co., bookbinders, Camberwell, waited upon Mr. Plimsoll, at his private residence, Victoria-street, and presented him with a bible, valued at 100 guineas, in recognition of his services to merchant seamen.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IN INDIA.

Our last week's news of the most recent movements of his Royal Highness brought him to Agra, where he arrived at nine o'clock on the Tuesday morning. He had come by railway from Umrtsur, in the Punjab, stopping at midnight to sup with the Maharajah of Puttiala, at a station called Rajpoorah, within the Puttiala territory. While at Umrtsur, on the day before, his Royal Highness looked at the Golden Temple of the Sikhs, but did not enter that building, as he would not have been allowed to approach the shrine without taking off his boots. He received an address at the Townhall, and visited the church and mission school.

At Agra, where he was received by Sir John Strachey, Lieutenant-Governor of the North-Western Provinces, the Prince found accommodation in the military encampment. He stayed there during several days of last week, and was enabled to see much worthy of his notice. The first thing was a grand procession of the native Rajahs and Chiefs who had met there to greet him. They made a gorgeous show with their mounted servitors, and with two hundred elephants gaily caparisoned, besides camels, horses, and bullocks, and a variety of guards and other troops. The Prince afterwards visited the celebrated mausoleum of the Taj Mahal. In the evening he was entertained by the Lieutenant-Governor at a banquet in the old palace of Agra. A ball followed, which was a very gay affair. The fort and the city were beautifully illuminated and a fine light was thrown on the Taj Mahal. One day was spent by the Prince and his companions in a shooting party with the Rajah of Bhurtpore. The game found and killed was numerous, including boars and nylghans. One of these last-mentioned beasts was shot by the Prince. Next day his Royal Highness went to Futtehpore Sikri, twenty-three miles from Agra, to see the ruins of an ancient and once mighty city. He passed the Sunday quietly at Agra, attended Church service in camp, and inspected the schools and charitable institutions in that city.

On Monday last the Prince went to Gwalior, the capital of that great Mahratta Prince the Maharajah Scindia, whom he had met both at Bombay and at Calcutta. The Maharajah met his Royal Highness several miles from the city, the route to which was lined by Scindia's picked troops. The Prince, mounted on an elephant with gold-embroidered trappings, and followed by a procession of elephants and Scindia's infantry, went through the crowded bazaar to the new palace, which is commanded by the British fortress of Morar. The town of Gwalior was brilliantly illuminated that evening in honour of the Prince's visit. His Royal Highness lodged in the British Residency.

At a review held by the Prince of Wales, on Tuesday, about 8000 men of Scindia's forces of all arms were paraded. They presented an admirable appearance. The march past was followed by a sham fight, in which Scindia directed the operations personally, his Royal Highness and the military officers of his suite acting as umpires. The object of the manoeuvres was the capture of a village, and several brilliant cavalry charges were executed. In the afternoon his Royal Highness visited the fortress of Gwalior and returned the visit paid him by Scindia. There was a banquet and reception at the palace at night, with a display of fireworks. On Wednesday the Prince left Gwalior and returned to Agra, stopping by the way to lunch with the Rajah of Dholepore. He was to be at Jeypore at the end of this week.

The fence time for salmon in England and Wales closed on Tuesday night, and fishing was resumed in most of the salmon rivers on Wednesday.

The counties of Wicklow and Kildare, and the parts of Fermanagh and Down in which the Peace Preservation Act had been in force, are released from operation.

The National Committee for Promoting the Boarding-out of Pauper Children have issued their ninth annual report, in which they express a belief that, with a very small expenditure, they have promoted the objects in view.

In the Horsham election petition trial, Mr. Thesiger, Q.C., will be the leading counsel for the petitioner, Colonel Aldridge; Mr. Serjeant Parry has been retained on behalf of Mr. R. H. Furst, the sitting member.

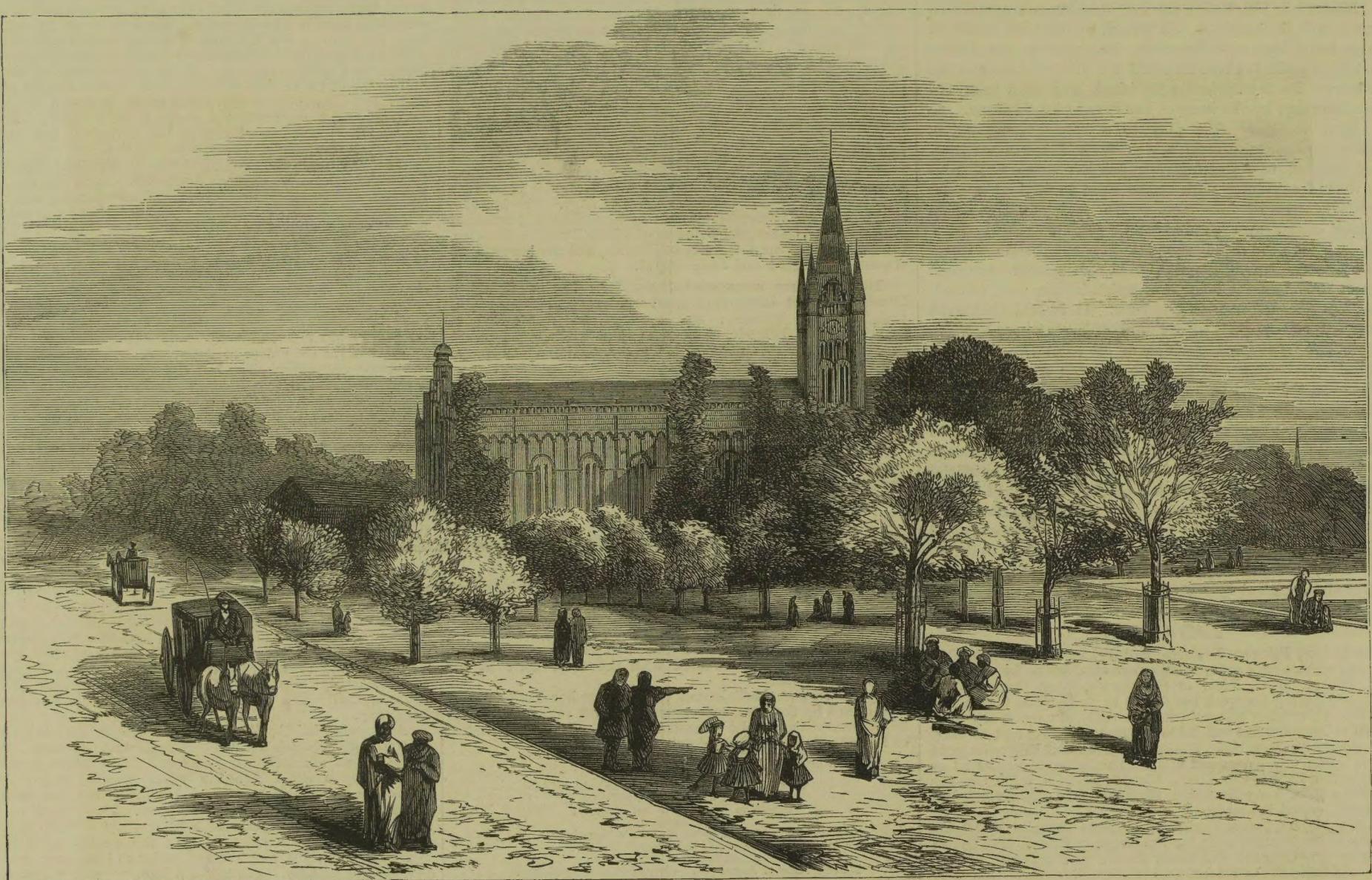
About twenty-five tons of cargo, consisting of cases of merchandise and casks of liquor, salvaged from the wreck of the Deutschland, were brought into Harwich, on Sunday, by the smack Increase.

Lord Midleton, on Wednesday night, presented, on behalf of the subscribers, to Mr. Goodson, the chairman of the Conservative Association for the Sutton district of Mid-Surrey, a silver épergne, value £150, and an illuminated address, in recognition of his long and able services rendered to the Conservative party in the district.

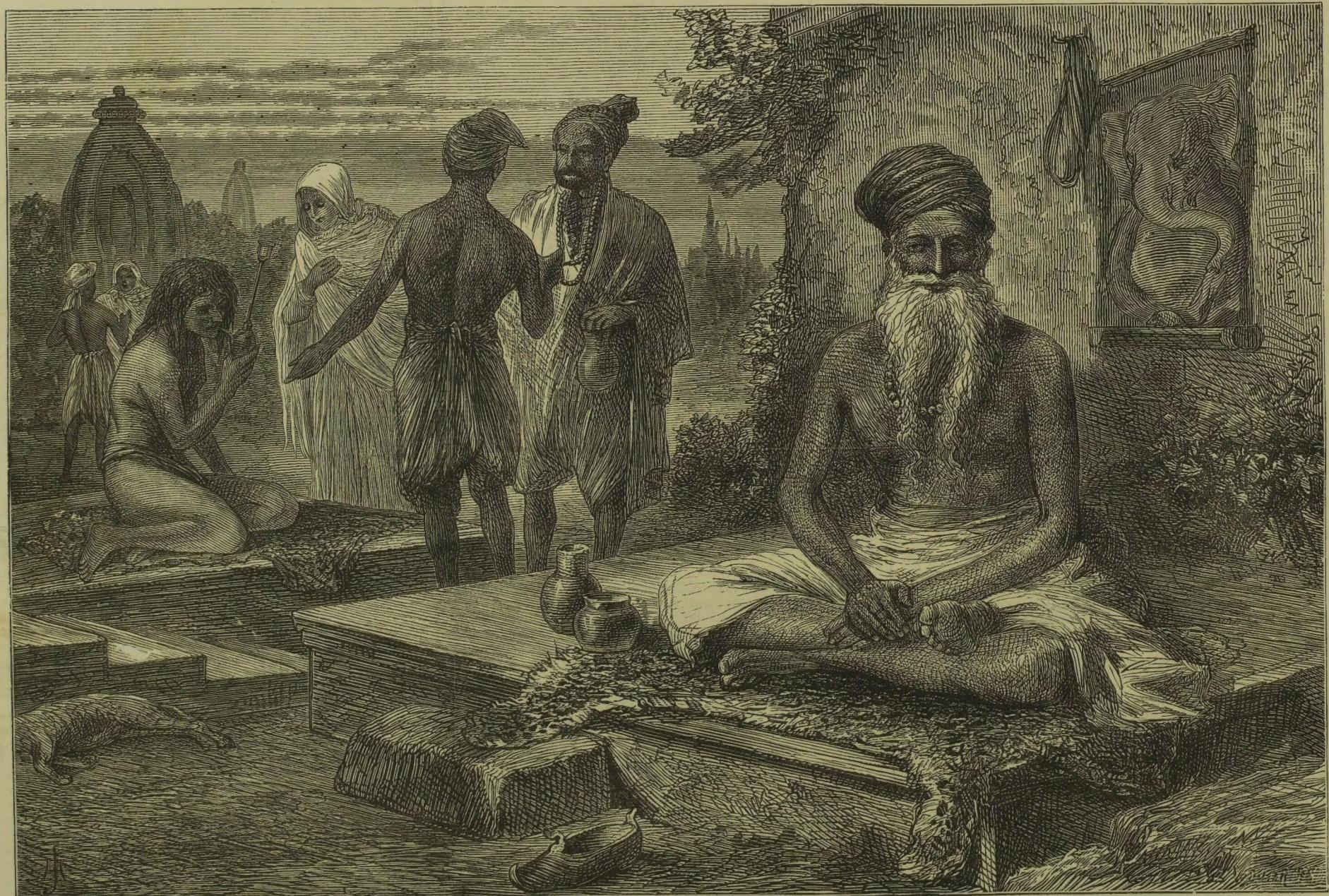
An inquiry at Bristol, which lasted six days ended on Tuesday. The captain of a fine vessel, named the Parkenhoe, belonging to Mr. Martin, of Dublin, abandoned his ship in mid-ocean, without, it was alleged, sufficient cause. She was classed "A 1" at Lloyd's, and fitted with the best description of pumps, yet the captain forsook her when there was only five feet of water in the hold. The Court suspended his certificate for nine months, and censured the mate and crew.

The county of Suffolk, which gave birth to Gainsborough and Constable, seems to keep well alive the taste for their delightful art. The second yearly exhibition of the Ipswich Fine-Arts Club was opened last week. Many Suffolk artists of wider reputation than their native county are among the contributors; Mr. F. G. Cotman, of Ipswich (nephew to Cotman of Norwich), with a view of the Cornish coast; Mr. S. Read, with a Caithness coast-view, and two of his fine church interiors; Messrs. E. R. Smythe and T. Smythe, A. Morgan, J. Duvall, Moore, and others. There are some excellent drawings by amateurs in the neighbourhood, amongst whom are Mr. E. Packard, jun., Miss Lacon, and Mrs. Jackaman. The South Kensington Museum has lent to this exhibition a choice selection of good water-colour paintings, and some fine specimens of ancient metal-work and ivory-carvings.

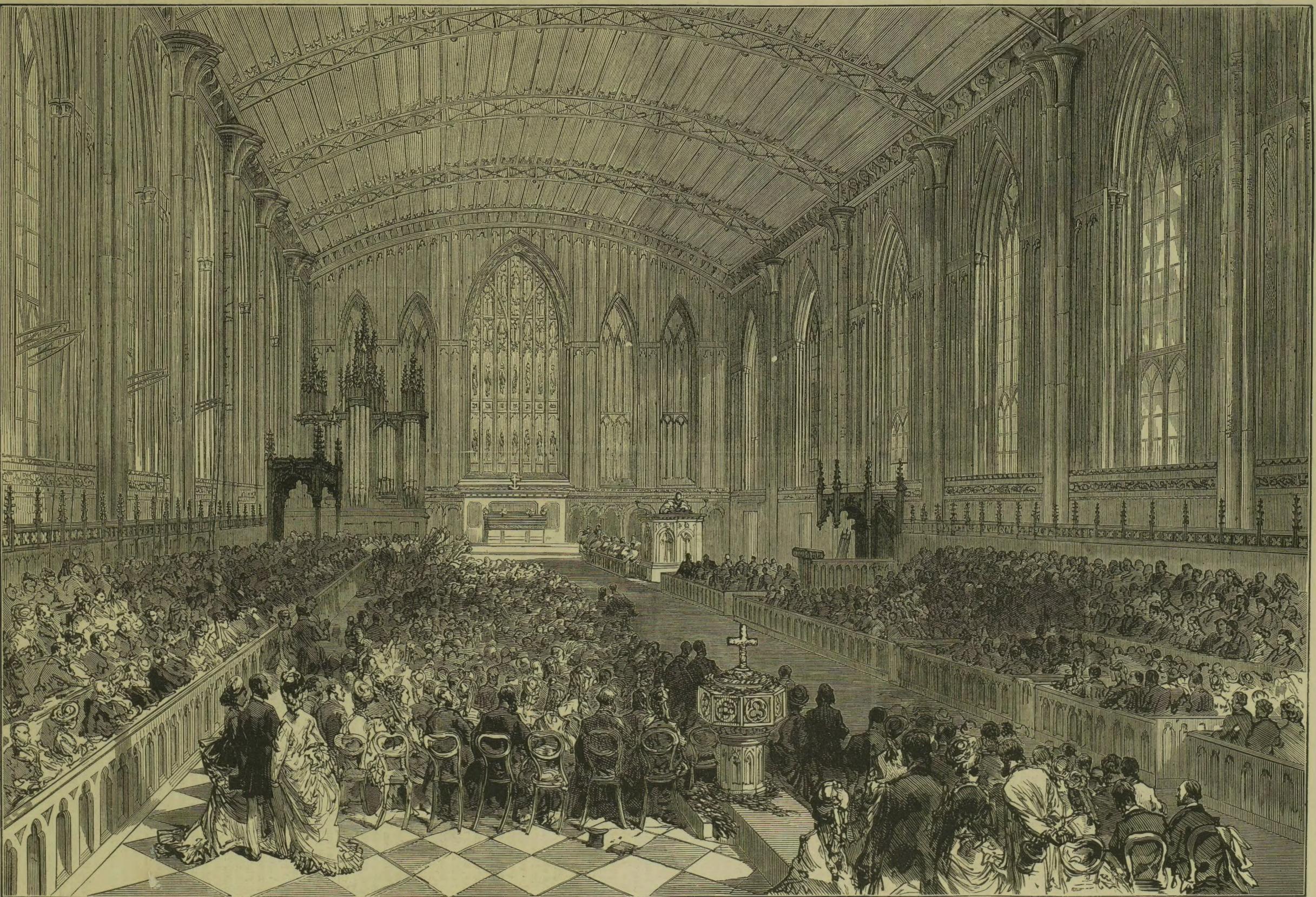
Sir Henry Peek, Bart., M.P., speaking at Sutton on Wednesday night, said he had heard that in the ensuing Session the House of Commons would be asked to find a dowry for Princess Beatrice. A friend of his, who came from Central Europe, assured him that the amiable Princess was engaged to be married, and that the country might expect before many months to be asked for a dowry for her Royal Highness as Princess Louis of Battenberg. He (Sir Henry) had not the honour of the acquaintance of Prince Louis, but he believed that the Prince, who belonged to the Royal Navy, was now serving in India with the Prince of Wales, and that it was an alliance that would be particularly agreeable to the Queen; and, if so, and if it conduced to her Majesty's happiness, he was quite sure that not the House of Commons alone, but the House of Lords also, would be only too glad to do for Princess Beatrice what they had done for the rest of the Royal family (Applause).



CALCUTTA CATHEDRAL.
FROM A SKETCH BY ONE OF OUR SPECIAL ARTISTS.



JOGHI WALLAHS AT BENARES.
FROM A SKETCH BY ONE OF OUR SPECIAL ARTISTS.



CHRISTMAS-DAY SERVICE IN CALCUTTA CATHEDRAL, ATTENDED BY THE PRINCE OF WALES.
FROM A SKETCH BY ONE OF OUR SPECIAL ARTISTS.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL NEWS.

FRANCE.

(From our Correspondent in Paris.)

Thursday, Feb. 3.

Spite of the boastful assurances of the semi-official press, which, when the nomination of senatorial delegates became known, at once predicted that the elections would result in a grand Ministerial triumph, Sunday's voting has proved far from advantageous to the Government. The elections are, above everything, favourable to the maintenance of the existing constitution, and Marshal MacMahon's authority will be firmly consolidated by them. On the other hand, they testify emphatically enough that France in no wise shares Prime Minister Buffet's absurd apprehensions concerning "order, religion, and property," by condemning the reactionary policy which he has followed since his elevation to power. Of the 295 senators at present nominated, 74 were chosen by the National Assembly, and 221 were elected on Sunday last. The various Republican groups have secured in all 147 seats, and there are, in addition, 15 "Constitutionnels" who, it is presumed, will vote with the Republicans on all fundamental questions. The so-called Conservative party numbers 133 members, 36 of whom are avowed Bonapartists, and 27 supporters of the Legitimate Monarchy. The islands of La Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Réunion, and the colony of Pondicherry have still to elect their senators; but all the accounts that have reached Europe presage the triumph of the Republican nominees.

So far as the Ministry is personally concerned, three of its members—MM. Léon Say, de Méaux, and Caillaux—were elected on Sunday; but the Prime Minister met with a merited defeat in the Vosges, and M. Dufaure, the chameleon-like keeper of the seals, polled merely an insignificant number of votes in the Charente Inférieure. Spite of their discomfiture, however, MM. Buffet and Dufaure intend remaining in office until after the elections for the Chamber of Deputies, for which they of course come forward as candidates.

The elections in Paris resulted rather differently from what was expected. It was imagined that Victor Hugo and Louis Blanc would be returned at the head of the poll; instead of which, the author of "Les Orientales" had considerable difficulty in securing the third place, while the famous promoter of "The right to work" was not elected at all. The largest number of votes was secured by M. de Freycinet, who, under the nominal control of M. Gambetta, was the virtual War Minister of the Tours delegation in 1870. Next came MM. Tolain, Hérod, and Hugo; while the fifth seat was obtained by M. Peyrat. M. Louis Blanc, who was far from well, was conveyed to the Luxembourg, where the voting took place, in a bath chair, and was all but carried into the voting-hall by some of his friends. It is now proposed to elect him as one of the members for Paris in the coming Chamber of Deputies.

Among the Republicans of note who were elected, on Sunday, in the provinces were Henri Martin and St. Valher in the Aisne; Pelletan, Challemel-Lacour, and Esquiroz in the Bouches du Rhône; Arago in the Pyrénées Orientales; Jules Favre in the Rhône; and Claude in the Vosges. The Duc de Broglie and Admiral la Roncière le Noury were returned in the Eure, and Marshal Canrobert and M. Depeyre triumphed in the Lot—two striking instances of successful alliances contracted by the Orleanists and Imperialists. Several of the Ministers of the Second Empire succeeded in obtaining seats, including MM. de Parieu, Magne, Béhic, Daru, de Talhouët, and Bourreau; other Bonapartists of note elected being MM. Tailhard, Vast-Vimeux, Galloni d'Istria, and Delisse Engrand. The military element comprises, in addition to Marshal Canrobert, Generals Tamisier, Pelissier, Duboys-Fresnay, and Guillemaut, Republicans; Generals Pourcet and Boissonnet, Orleanists; Generals Espivent and d'Andigné, Legitimists; and General Bertrand, a Bonapartist. As regards M. Thiers, he was almost unanimously elected by the arrondissement of Belfort.

On Monday evening, while Paris was still preoccupied with the result of the electoral contest, Marshal MacMahon gave a grand ball at the Palace of the Elysée—a fête which was only planned after the senatorial delegates were nominated, and which M. Buffet had, doubtless, thought would fitly celebrate his triumph. Under the blow, however, of his crushing defeat in the Vosges, the Prime Minister refrained from being present; and, indeed, the only member of the Cabinet in attendance was M. Léon Say, whom most of the Republican organs regard as head of the next Ministry.

M. Frédéric Lemaître, whose death was briefly chronicled last week, was the greatest histrionic celebrity that France has produced since the days of Talma. Charles Dickens, in the course of a letter which is reproduced by Mr. Forster in his biography, eloquently described the powerful impression that Lemaître made upon him in the rôle of Robert Macaire—that famous social satire of which he was the principal author. As Kean, Richard d'Arlington, and Don César de Bazan he was also eminently successful; but his greatest triumph was undoubtedly achieved in personating Victor Hugo's celebrated hero, Ruy Blas. His funeral, which took place on Saturday, was attended by all the literary and theatrical celebrities of Paris. Unfortunately, one was on the eve of the senatorial elections, and the crowd that followed the procession to the cemetery profited by the occasion to make a political demonstration, which Victor Hugo, by a violent radical speech, did his utmost to foment. Those who saluted the lowering of the coffin into the grave with shouts of "Vive la République!" seemingly forgot that Lemaître had been a protégé of the Emperor Napoleon III.

SPAIN.

With the milder weather, the combatants seem to have re-entered in earnest on the war, though without any definite result as yet. Several small successes on the part of Alfonsist troops are reported from different parts of Spain, and the Royalist forces are said to be daily hemming in Don Carlos more closely. Contradictory statements are made regarding the recent engagements on the frontier, the Royalists and Carlists alike claiming the victory. Many Spanish families are reported from Bayonne to be taking refuge in France.

AUSTRO-HUNGARY.

Francis Deak, the Hungarian statesman and patriot, died at his residence in Pesth on Friday, Jan. 28, in his seventy-third year. Both the Upper House of the Hungarian Diet and the municipality appointed special committees, with instructions to confer with the Lower House, for the purpose of making preparations for the funeral, on Thursday, at the expense of the country. In Saturday's sitting of the Lower House, Herr Ghyczy, the President, in a fine speech, paid homage to the memory of the late statesman, and proposed that a committee should be appointed to take measures for the funeral in concert with the family and the other public bodies, and that the sitting of the house be suspended until after the funeral. Both motions were adopted. A notice was issued announcing the death, signed by the Presidents of both Chambers of the Diet.

The Emperor has addressed an autograph letter to M. Tisza,

the Hungarian Minister President, dated the 29th inst., which says:—"The death of Francis Deak fills the country with the deepest grief. I also am deeply moved, and must express how sincerely I share the general sorrow, and how much I deplore the loss of the man who, devoting his whole life to the public good, merited in so great a measure the confidence and affection of his Sovereign and of his fellow-citizens by his loyalty to the throne and the fatherland, the conspicuous purity of his character, and his civic virtues. History will perpetuate his merits as a statesman; his glory will be enduring, and will not be confined to his own country alone; and his memory will be revered. My grateful appreciation follows him to his grave, for which I send a wreath."

Prince Auersperg, the President of the Council of Ministers, addressed a telegram to the Hungarian Minister, Herr Szell, expressing, on his own behalf and in the name of his colleagues, sincere condolence in the loss Hungary has sustained by the death of M. Deak.

The public services and personal qualities of the late Francis Deak were eulogised by Dr. Rechbauer, the President of the Lower House of the Austrian Reichsrath, at the opening of Tuesday's sitting. The members of the House rose from their seats and remained standing during the delivery of Dr. Rechbauer's speech.

The embalmed body of the deceased statesman was taken on Monday to the palace of the Academy, where all was prepared for the lying-in-state in the entrance-hall. In the afternoon the Empress deposited on the coffin a magnificent wreath, on the white ribbons of which were the words in gold, "To Francis Deak—Queen Elizabeth." Then, kneeling, her Majesty remained for some time in prayer.

At the funeral the Emperor was represented by Count Andrassy.

The committee of the Lower House of the Reichsrath on religious questions has agreed to the amendments voted by the Upper House to the Monastic Institutions Bill.

At a general meeting of the shareholders of the Eastern Railway Company of Hungary, at Pesth, on Monday, it was agreed, by 2830 votes against 353, to accept the Government offer for the purchase of their railway.

GERMANY.

Last Saturday the German Parliament resumed and concluded the debate upon the second reading of the Penal Code Amendment Bill, and adopted by 179 votes against 120 the so-called "Armin clause" in the form agreed upon between the three Free Conservative and National Liberal parties, to which Herr von Bülow, Secretary of State, gave his consent.

The next plenary sitting of the Lower House of the Prussian Diet is fixed for the 14th inst. It is hoped that by that time the preliminary examination of the Budget in Committee will be sufficiently advanced to render it possible for the House to proceed immediately to the debate on the second reading of the Estimates.

Dr. and Mrs. Falk had, on Tuesday, a festival at Berlin in celebration of their having been married twenty-five years. They received congratulations and presents from all quarters.

RUSSIA.

Prince Alexander of Hesse-Darmstadt and the reigning Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin have arrived at St. Petersburg. The Grand Duke Alexis left St. Petersburg on Tuesday night.

Lieutenant-General Prince Peter Romanovich Bagration, Governor-General of Livonia, Estonia, and Courland, died at St. Petersburg last Saturday.

The estimates for the current year give the total revenue as about 570,000,000 roubles, and the estimated expenditure about 569,914,000 roubles.

The Senate of Finland has voted 600,000 marks for the construction of a canal from the White Sea to the Baltic.

The Russians have taken Andidshan, in Central Asia, by storm. Their loss is represented to have been insignificant, and that of their opponents enormous.

DENMARK.

The King, exercising a right conferred upon him by the Constitution which has not been acted upon for sixteen years, has expressly sanctioned the continuance of the Rigsdag in session for two months beyond the term fixed by law—namely, until March 29.

Prince Ludwig Bentheim Steinfurth died at Copenhagen on Saturday last.

AMERICA.

A joint resolution has been presented in the Senate with a view to introducing the system of electing the President and the senators by a direct vote of the people. The House of Representatives, by 144 votes against 106, has rejected the proposition rendering the President of the States ineligible for a second term of office. The *Times* correspondent says Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State, is prominently mentioned as the available Republican candidate for the Presidency. Mr. Kerr, Speaker of the House of Representatives, has written a letter declining to be nominated for the Presidency. He proposes that Governor Hendricks should be selected by the Indiana Democrats as their candidate.

An American telegram to the *Times* reports that the Senate Finance Committee, on Tuesday, reported back Mr. Sherman's resolution establishing a common unit of money and accounts between the United States and England, with a recommendation that it should pass.

The Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the House of Representatives has prepared a new tariff bill, making a large reduction in the tariff, increasing the free list, abolishing combined rates, and fixing specific duties, equal to 25 or 30 per cent ad valorem. The duty on wool is reduced one half, and woollen fabrics proportionately. The bill, it is thought, will be acceptable to the Democratic party in congress. The House has passed the Military Academy Appropriation Bill.

The National Debt was decreased during January by 1,599,000 dols.

A political organisation, with its head-quarters at Washington, has been started under the name of the Free-School Guard, and is said to number already 15,000 members. Its rules and proceedings are not to be made public.

The American correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs:—"On Jan. 17 a party of Apache Indians attacked a squad of twenty-three soldiers fifty miles south of Santa Fé, New Mexico, while hunting buffaloes. The troops fought gallantly, killing over twenty Indians. Three soldiers were wounded, one fatally. Reinforcements were sent from Santa Fé to pursue the Indians."

Invitations have been sent from New York to the boating clubs of the United Kingdom to take part in the centennial regatta.

A terrific gale has been raging on the Atlantic coast. The telegraph communication between New York and Washington was temporarily suspended, and the spires of several churches and the roofs of buildings have been destroyed.

The women of Utah, to the number of 22,626, have presented to Congress a memorial praying the repeal of all legislation against polygamy and the admission of Utah as a State in the Union.

CANADA.

It is reported from Ottawa that several Judges have resigned, thus causing temporary suspension of business in the law courts.

By a small majority, the Ontario Legislature has rejected a proposal to confer upon women the right to vote at municipal elections.

The new Ministry of British Columbia has taken the oaths of office. Mr. Elliott is Premier.

The Manitoba Legislature has passed a resolution abolishing the Legislative Council of that colony.

INDIA.

We learn from Bombay that the Nawab Sir Salar Jung, Prime Minister of the Nizam of Hyderabad, will visit England.

Sadash Rao, who is the nephew of the deposed Gaikwar and a claimant to the throne, has been banished from Baroda for inciting to rebellion.

Serious feuds are taking place among the tribes on the Scinde frontier, and apprehensions are expressed of a general rising throughout Beloochistan.

The Hon. James S. Payne entered on his duties as President of the Republic of Liberia on the 3rd ult.

Lieutenant-Colonel Burne, C.S.I., will act as private secretary to the new Governor-General of India.

The newly-constituted International Court of Appeal in Egypt has elected an Austrian, Herr Capenna, for its President.

At the last sitting of the Postal Congress at Berne it was resolved that the next meeting should be held in London during the month of June.

Princess Olga Stoudze, granddaughter of Prince Michel XVI., formerly Hospodar of Moldavia, has married, at Jassy, Prince Emmanuel Konaki-Vogoridis.

The next International Medical Congress will be opened at Geneva on Sept. 9, 1877. Professor Carl Vogt is the president of the committee of organisation.

Information has been received by the Agent-General of New Zealand of the safe arrival out of the ships Waitara, Nelson, and Caroline, carrying emigrants.

Dr. von Barth, of Munich, has undertaken, at the request of the Portuguese Government, a geological survey of the province of Angola, on the West Coast of Africa.

M. Meyer has been appointed professor of the language and literature of Southern Europe at the College of France, in the room of M. Edgar Quinet, deceased.

An official despatch from Achene, dated Jan. 24, announces that the chiefs of the Moekim district have adopted conditions of submission imposed by the Dutch Government.

The *Gazette* announces the appointment of the Hon. Francis Richard Plunkett, now Secretary to her Majesty's Legation at Jeddo, to be Secretary of Legation at Washington.

A special envoy from the Emir of Bokhara is reported to have arrived at Tashkend for the purpose of offering explanations in respect of the armaments carried on in that country.

The Session of the Servian Skupstchina was closed on Wednesday in virtue of a decree issued by Prince Milan, and read by M. Kaljevitch, President of the Council of Ministers.

A special telegram from Alexandria announces that the Egyptian army has occupied the province of Hamassine, in Abyssinia, without resistance. King John is reported to be collecting forces at Adowa.

A retired Dutch officer has been sentenced to eight months' imprisonment at Darmstadt for unlawfully enlisting recruits for Achene, and an inhabitant of the town to four months' imprisonment for assisting him.

Chili and Valparaiso have been visited by rain-storms that have destroyed much property and caused great alarm; and the Peruvian town of Abancay has been destroyed by an earthquake, accompanied by very severe loss of life.

At a Consistory held in Rome, yesterday week, the Pope nominated twenty-two bishops. Two were for France, two for the Philippine Islands, one for Canada, two for America, three for Italy, one for Bavaria, and eleven in partibus.

The Admiralty, at the request of the Geographical Society, has undertaken to provide a passage homeward to Zanzibar on board one of her Majesty's ships for those who accompanied Lieutenant Cameron in his expedition across Africa.

It is proposed to erect in Commercial-square, Gibraltar, a column and a bust of the Prince of Wales, who, it is said, will visit that place on his way home from India, accompanied by Lord Napier of Magdala, who will be sworn in as Governor.

The declared value of watches imported last year was £451,061, against £474,119 in the previous year. The numbers are not given. Of clocks the value in 1874 was £400,086, when the number was 421,098, and £405,150 last year, when the number was 518,466.

The *Academy* states that the Portuguese Government has acquired the valuable collection of manuscripts of the Count Laurenço. These documents all relate to the ancient history of the country. Among them are autograph letters of celebrated historic persons. The British Museum was very anxious to possess the collection.

There is news from Cape Town to the 6th ult., by the mail steamer Asiatic, which arrived at Plymouth on Tuesday. Public meetings continue to be held and dinners given in support of the Conference. Only one petition, and that from one constituency, has been presented in support of the Molteno Administration. In the further despatches received from Lord Carnarvon, his Lordship deprecated the conduct of some persons at the Cape who have alleged that he directed the Cape Colony to take part in the Conference.

Mr. C. E. Howard Vincent writes to us from 2, Paper-buildings, Temple:—"So much was said as to the state into which the nation had allowed the Crimean cemeteries to fall, that the friends of those who sleep in the English Cemetery at Scutari may be glad to learn how perfect is the condition in which it is maintained. Sergeant Lyne, late of the Royal Engineers, is the custodian, and he makes the most of the lovely site overhanging the blue Marmora. Hardly a grave is without floral surroundings, grass neatly mown, and paths without a weed. I visited it recently, with a Turkish officer of the Staff, and he was struck, as well he might be, with the difference between the care bestowed by Christians on the graves of the departed, and the utter ruin of the Mohammedan cemeteries hard by. Acre upon acre they stretch, in hideous, fearful chaos. I took my companion at once to the tombs of the officers of my late regiment who had died of wounds or disease on the Asiatic shore. 'In vain,' he said, 'might I thus look for the resting-place of a friend.' The building which was used as a British hospital is now occupied by the 1st Regiment of Imperial Artillery—a very fine corps; and the room which Miss Nightingale made use of is pointed out with interest to all visitors."

THE CHURCH.

PREFERRMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Begbie, Alexander George, to be Curate of Settrington, York.
 Blick, J. J., Vicar of Riscley, Beds; Rector of Wimplingham, Norfolk.
 Burdon, Benjamin; Incumbent of Pirston-cum-South Featherstone.
 Butcher, C. H.; Dean of the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity, Shanghai.
 Chilver, Charles S.; Incumbent of the Chapel Royal, Brighton.
 Codrington, Henry; Vicar of Lyng.
 Collins, J. W., Vicar of St. John's, Bridgwater; Vicar of Clare, Suffolk.
 Edwards, Benjamin; Vicar of Llanfihangel-y-Croyddin, Cardigan.
 Flood, Frederick; Rector of Angersleigh.
 Grinstead, C., Vicar of Colmbrook; Perpetual Curate of Brentwood.
 Goldney, Reginald Philip; Perpetual Curate of West Bradley.
 Gristock, Alfred Grabham; Perpetual Curate of Monkton Combe.
 Jones, William Hatton; Curate of St. Paul's, Balsall-heath.
 Lewis, James; Rural Dean of Upper Ultra Ayron.
 Lewis, J. Timothy, Curate of Llanhaiaadr; Rector of Llanyrnach.
 Lister, E. C.; Rector of St. Thomas's, Stanmingley, near Leeds.
 McClatchie, Thomas, Church Missionary Society; Canon of the Cathedral
 Church of the Holy Trinity, Shanghai, China.
 M'Dowall, Robert Scott; Rector of North Poorton, Dorset.
 Phillips, Abel; Perpetual Curate of Hendford.
 Robinson, William Cauley; Vicar of Scalby.
 Robinson, William Kay; Rector of Walwyns Castle, Pembrokeshire.
 Ross-Lewin, R. O'Donelan; Chaplain to H.M.S. London at Zanzibar.
 Scale, F. S. P., Vicar of Clare; Vicar of St. John's, Bridgwater.
 Stedman, J. M.; Rector of Much Birch, near Hereford.
 Steggall, J. H., Vicar of Great Ashfield; Lecturer of Great Ashfield.
 Taylor, George; Curate of Sunningdale.
 Thornton, H. W.; Rector of Athelington, Suffolk.
 Watkins, Charles J. A.; Perpetual Curate of Hinton Charterhouse.
 Wilberforce, William Francis; Vicar of St. John's, York.
 Wilson, Frederick; Vicar of Sledmere.
 Wilson, John; Curate of Salton.—*Guardian*.

The *Guardian* is informed that the Rev. J. Bowman, Minor Canon of Gloucester, has declined the living of Quedgeley.

Sir Thomas Fairbairn and Mrs. Waddington have subscribed £1000 each for a new church at Twyford, Hants.

It is announced that the Rev. Stopford Brooke has taken Bedford Chapel, Bloomsbury, and will commence his ministry there in May next.

The congregation of St. Nicholas Church, Ipswich, have lately made a presentation of eighty guineas to the Rev. Edwin Oakley, who has the charge of the parish.

The foundation-stone of a new church, to be dedicated to St. Peter, at Glenfield, Leicestershire, was laid by Mrs. Swift Taylor, on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

The company appointed for the revision of the authorised version of the Old Testament have finished their thirty-sixth session in the Jerusalem Chamber. The revision was continued as far as Jeremiah xxxi. 1.

At a numerously-attended meeting held at Plymouth, on Monday, preliminary arrangements were made for the reception of the Church Congress in that town in the month of October next, when the Bishop of Exeter will preside.

The only Episcopal church in Cardiff where the services are conducted in Welsh was, last Sunday, opened for worship for the last time. There are, however, eleven Nonconformist chapels where the service is in the native tongue.

Lord Penzance, as Dean of the Court of Arches, gave judgment, on Thursday, in the Public Library of Lambeth Palace, in the case of "Clifton and others against Ridsdale." His Lordship decided against the respondent, the Incumbent of St. Peter's Church, Folkestone, upon every point, and condemned him in the costs of the suit.

The Marquis of Salisbury granted, under an Act passed in 1873, a piece of land at Everton, in Lancashire, as a site for a new church. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners objected that the noble Marquis was only tenant for life, and that he could not concur on behalf of his son in the conveyance. The Master of the Rolls was of opinion that the Marquis was not the guardian of his son for the purposes of the Act, and Sir R. Baggallay, on the appeal, took a similar view; but Lords Justices James and Mellish and Mr. Justice Blackburn ruled that the Marquis could concur in the conveyance on behalf of his son, although he was himself personally interested.

A stained glass window, executed by Messrs. Heaton and Butler, has been inserted at St. Edmund's Church, Northampton. It bears the following inscription:—"To the glory of God, and in tender remembrance of Annie, the beloved wife of the Rev. Nathaniel Thos. Hughes, Vicar, this window was erected by the parishioners in token of her exemplary life and earnest devotion for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people of this parish. A.D. 1875." The cost of the work, which was about £240, has been defrayed by the contributions of nearly five hundred persons. On the occasion of the unveiling, an eloquent sermon was preached by the Bishop of Peterborough, and there were also present the Ven. Lord Alwyne Compton, Archdeacon Thicknesse, and about twenty of the neighbouring clergy.

THE UNIVERSITIES AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

CAMBRIDGE.

MATHEMATICAL TRIPPOS.

Yesterday week the Mathematical Tripos was, as usual, read out in the senate house by the senior examiner, in the presence of a large number of undergraduates. The lists are as follow, in all cases of equality the names being bracketed:—

WRANGLERS.	SENIOR OPTIMES.	JUNIOR OPTIMES.
Dr. Ward, St. John's	Arnold, King's	Benwell, St. Cath.
2 Mollison, Clare	Dalton, Clare	Wood, Christ's
Poyning, Trinity	Horner, St. John's	Woodhouse, A. C., St. John's
Trimmer, Trinity	London, St. John's	Hamblin, Christ's
Glazebrook, Trinity	Wheeler, Clare	Falle, Corpus
Hargreaves, St. Jn's	De Druchy, St. Peter's	Angrave, Christ's
Bishop, Emmanuel	Penny, St. John's	Hallett, Caius
M'Cann, Trinity	Whitehead, Magdalene	Sturt, St. John's
Sunderland, Trinity	Pritt, Trinity Hall	Lambert, St. John's
Findlay, Trin. Hall	Browne, Jesus	Cooper, St. Peter's
Goodwin, Jesus	Hooton, Down	Sayle, Trinity
Main, Trinity	Mitchell, Corpus	Miller, Christ's
Pitt, Clare	Riley, Jesus	Ambridge, St. John
Crosby, Down	Treadgold, St. Jhn's	Jones, Trinity Hall
Willis, Clare	Wodhams	Carter, C. St. John
Bousfield, Caius	M'Kerrell, Trinity	Chanter, Jesus
Shaw, W. N., Emm	Marriott, Trinity	Faulkner, Emman.
Easton, St. John's	Brown-Douglas, Trinity	Peter, St. John's
Heathcote, Trinity	Lloyd, Sydney	Johnstone, Sidney
Jude, Christ's	Roberts, Pembroke	Nicolle, St. Peter's
Talbot, St. John's	Taylor, St. Cath.	Smith, Sidney
Howson, Catharine	Coggins, St. John's	Chance, Trinity
Morgan, St. John's	Nash, St. Catherine's	Sparham, Sidney
Summers, Trin. Hall	Evans, Sidney	Bernard, Corpus
25 M'Farland, St. Jn's.	Wallace, Jesus	Rosher, Trinity
Andrew, Christ's	Finch, Caius	Speed, St. John's
Fisher, Sidney	Jameson, Trinity	Radford, Pembroke
Butler, Trinity	Wilson, H. W., Jesus	Richards, Corpus
M'Conkey, Trinity		Shea, Corpus
20 Pollexfen, Pembroke		Williams

AGROTANT.

Solomon, St. Peter's

Wilson, H. W., Jesus

On Saturday the annual B.A. commencement was celebrated at the Senate House, when Mr. Ward, the senior wrangler, was presented to the Vice-Chancellor, and received his degree amid much cheering.

On Monday morning the examination for Dr. Smith's

prizes for proficiency in pure mathematics was commenced. There are thirteen candidates.

The Theological Tripos was published last week, as follows:—Class I. (None). Class II.—Bingham, Trinity; Body, St. John's; Elliott, Gonville and Caius; Goldsmith, Trinity; Middleton, Clare; Murray, St. John's; Raikes, Trinity; Stokes, Corpus; Trevelyan, Trinity. Class III.—Beal, Trinity; Bibby, Christ's; Beden, Jesus; Crick, St. Catharine; Foster, Trinity; Hartley, St. John's; Lonsdale, Magdalene; Thompson, Corpus; Winter, St. John's.

The subject of the Burley prize has been announced by the Vice-Chancellor as follows: the Conditions of Almsgiving as a Christian Virtue in Modern Society.

OXFORD.

The Rev. John Richard King, M.A., of Merton, has been elected to a fellowship in Oriel.

Mr. J. M. Lainé, from Elizabeth College, Guernsey, has been elected to the vacant Charles I.'s Scholarship at Exeter.

Mr. Joshua Brough, from the Wesleyan College, Taunton, has been recommended by the examiners for election to the vacant Dyke Scholarship at St. Mary Hall.

The election to the vacant open classical scholarships, &c., at Exeter, the examination of which was held conjointly with Trinity, took place as follows:—To the scholarships, value £80 per annum, and tenable for five years—Mr. A. H. Powles, from Marlborough College; Mr. H. J. Tylden, from Uppingham School; and Mr. M. H. Peacock, from Leeds Grammar School; Proxime Accessit, Mr. R. Tanner, from King's College, Sherborne. To the open exhibition, value £50 per annum—Mr. R. Armitage, from Marlborough College. To the Symes Exhibition, of the annual value of £60, Mr. P. C. Glover, from Highgate School.

The election to the vacant open classical scholarships at Trinity took place simultaneously with the above, as follows:—To the classical scholarships, tenable for five years and of the annual value of £80—Mr. W. D. Fanshawe, Corpus College, and formerly of Wellington College; and Mr. A. H. Tod, from Charterhouse School.

A meeting of captains of college clubs was held on Wednesday afternoon in the University barge, when torpids were fixed for March 9 and following days. The challenge from Cambridge was accepted. The New York challenge was declined owing to the inconvenient date of fixture, and the Philadelphia challenge stands over for future consideration.

LONDON.

The following is a list of candidates who passed in honours the examination for matriculation for January, 1876:—Honours division: Arthur Reed Ropes, exhibition of £30 per annum for two years; Joseph Larmor, exhibition of £20 per annum for two years; John Oakden Swift, exhibition of £15 per annum for two years; Charles John Prescott, prize of £10; George James Thomas Harker, prize of £5; Samuel Sheppard Oakley Morris and William Thomas Thompson, disqualified by age for third prize; Abraham Hillard, prize of £5; James William Greig and Aneurin William (equal). Percy Ewing Matheson, Percy Howard Silcock, Norman Capper Hardcastle, Frank Stonham, John Thomas Cohen, Arthur Jessop, William Arnold Statham, William Herman Flecker, John George Curry, William Robert Carter, Kávásjee Jámásjee Bádshah, James Jeremiah Beuzemak (the last fourteen candidates obtained number of marks qualifying for a prize); George Elliott Caldwell Anderson, Robert Barber, Robert Aspin Freeman, Arthur Frank Atkinson, Israel Abrahams, Oscar Johannes, Ludwig Eckenstein, Arthur Johnson Evans, Roandew A. H. Bickford-Smith, Augustus Edward Coote, Ambrose Thomas Flagg, Henry James Brown, Frederick Wallis Stoddart, Isaac Richards, John Edward Lucas, William Carter, William Frederick Hamilton, Benjamin Alexander Elkin, Arthur Hamilton Nicholson Lewers, John Taylor, Eustace Henry Clothier, Edward Rice, Joseph Cunningham, Arthur Sutton Gover and Henry Ulyett (equal), Joseph Riley Watson, Frederick Hope Mainwaring, and Harry Penwarne Ede.

The Council of the Highland Society of London have resolved to establish two Gaelic bursaries of £25 each, tenable for four years, which may be competed for by those who have passed their entrance examination at any of the Scottish Universities, and who may be able to pass an additional examination in Gaelic.

Professor Berry will, says the *Glasgow News*, probably be secretary of the new Scotch University Commission, of which Lord-President Inglis will be the chairman, and Sir William Stirling-Maxwell a member.

A meeting of those interested in the establishment of a technical college in Glasgow was held in the Mechanics' Institution on Thursday week. Mr. David Sandeman presided. The chairman intimated that, in so far as the teaching of the textile department was concerned, the accomplishment of the scheme was all but assured. Already £3230 had been subscribed, and a site for the college of 427 square yards had been secured in Well-street. The erection of the factory would be commenced forthwith, and the estimates for it amounted to £1411. There would be ten steam-power looms and two hand-looms, all of which had been presented to the college by manufacturers. For want of funds, the inclusion in the scheme of the teaching of engineering and other industries was for the time delayed. Mr. Anderson, M.P., cordially approved the object in view, and only regretted that they were unable to begin the engineering branch at present. Technical instruction in such a city as Glasgow was of the utmost importance, and was necessary in order to keep the country in the first rank of industry. Mr. Anderson then moved that Colonel Holms, M.P., Messrs. M. Neilson, Templeton, Mason, and D. Sandeman should be appointed trustees for the Weaving College. Mr. Archibald Holms seconded the proposal, which was carried. The plans and specifications were examined, and explanations given in connection with them.

An association is being formed for the promotion of higher education in Scotland. Among its supporters are the Earls of Rosebery and Minto, the Lord Justice-General, Sir Graham Montgomery, Sir James Ferguson, and other gentlemen of influence, who are anxious that vigorous measures should at once be taken to ensure the teaching of the higher branches in our public schools.

Sir Charles Reed laid before the Court of Common Council, on Thursday week, a resolution of the committee for managing the Gresham College Trust, of which he is a member, and of which Lord Selborne is chairman. This resolution declared that it was desirable that the Gresham lectures and the funds applicable to their support should be placed, with the concurrence of the Charity Commissioners, on a more satisfactory basis. Sir Charles traced the origin and history of the trust, and expressed a belief that the measures now proposed to be taken, while preserving to the citizens its direction, would cause it once more to represent the wishes of the founder in making it a college for the advancement of learning in London. The motion was agreed to.

Judgment has been given by Lord Selborne in the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in regard to the petition by

Dr. Carver against the Charity Commissioners' scheme for the reorganisation of Dulwich College; the Committee of the Privy Council deciding that Dr. Carver, the head-master, has a vested interest, that due provision has not been made, that the case be remitted to the Charity Commissioners, and that his costs be paid by the governors of the funds.

The Company of Glass-Sellers have offered the City of London School committee a scholarship for the school of the value of £50 per annum.

THE WAR IN HERZEGOVINA.

It is a satisfaction to learn that there is at length some prospect of a pacific settlement of this wretched conflict. The Austrian scheme of conciliation, supported by Russia and Germany, has been laid before the Turkish Government. We are told that Count Andrassy's note was verbally communicated to the Porte on Monday by the Ambassadors of the three Northern Powers. The Ambassadors of the other Powers at the same time informed the Ottoman Cabinet that their Governments find in Count Andrassy's proposals of reform nothing contrary to the provisions of the Treaty of Paris. The Porte has promised to take the note into consideration. It is stated that the project comprises five leading conditions—namely, the establishment of religious liberty; a modification in the system of levying taxes; the application of part of the revenue to local improvements; the granting of aids to agriculturists; and the appointment of a mixed Commission of Mohammedans and Christians to see to the execution of these reforms. It is expected that the Sultan's Government will accept these conditions in principle.

An official telegram from Constantinople states that the insurgents have been defeated by the Turkish troops. The former are said to have suffered heavy loss. Their number is given at from 7000 to 10,000 men; that of the Turkish troops at 1200 men, supported on both wings by 1800 men. From Ragusa we have a telegram admitting that the insurgents were defeated on the 26th after an engagement of five hours' duration, and that their losses were 150 killed and wounded. The Turks are now revictualling Trebinje. But other telegrams from Ragusa assert that, simultaneously with this defeat of the insurgents on the Trebinje road, an engagement was fought near Neum, which terminated in the retreat of the Turks. A despatch of later date, however, represents the insurgents as having abandoned Grebzi and marching north of Trebinje pursued by the Turkish forces, which had set fire to several villages. An accusation is made against the Turks of having massacred three women of Neusjievich. The insurgents are reported to have evacuated Popovopolje in consequence of an advance of the Turkish troops.

We present another illustration of the manner in which this irregular warfare is carried on. It is from a sketch by our Special Artist, Mr. Melton Prior, who was lately in Herzegovina.

THE QUARTERLIES.

The *Quarterly Review* presents us with an exceedingly pleasant number, rich in those articles of mixed literary and archaeological interest in which it habitually excels. The most characteristic of these is a paper on Hatfield House, the seat of the Marquis of Salisbury, a mansion which four English Sovereigns have successively inhabited for brief periods; still more memorable as the residence of Burghley and Cecil, and stored alike in the associations and the more substantial relics of the past. An article on the Norman Kingdom in Sicily is in the same vein, and so is a very elaborate one on Forster's Life of Swift, in which Swift's change of sides is extenuated or vindicated. An essay on Wordsworth and Gray is equally faithful to the old traditions of the *Quarterly*. The writer's taste is correct within certain limits, but he seems unable to understand the vast extension of the province of poetry which has resulted from the maxims first inculcated and exemplified by Wordsworth. The political articles are comparatively uninteresting; the most remarkable are those on "Parliament and the Public Moneys" and "The Armed Peace of Europe."

The *Church Quarterly* must surely be under the editorial supervision of Rip Van Winkle. Fancy devoting at this time of day solemn articles to Farrar's "Life of Christ," Tennyson's "Queen Mary," and the "Greville Memoirs"! These essays, as well as the rest, are elegantly though tamely written; but the only contribution of any public interest is one on the present state of the education controversy, indicative of the clergy's strong repugnance to see denominational schools superseded by board schools, and exhorting their managers to hold out to the last in hopes of a reaction against the school rate. The alliance of sectarian exclusiveness with ignorant parsimony may no doubt be formidable. The best part of the review is the appendix of miscellaneous notices, which are executed in a very superior style.

The *British Quarterly* has a powerful criticism of Mr. Herbert Spencer's sociology; and valuable though somewhat dry articles on the Stock Exchange and contemporary Italian politics. The most interesting contributions, however, are two on Oriental subjects: "The Hindoo Woman, Real and Ideal," and "Among the Prophets," an essay on Persian poetry, principally consisting of very fairly executed translations.

The state apartments at Windsor Castle are closed until further orders.

The annual meeting of the Greenwich Liberal Association was held on Wednesday night, at which a motion, brought forward by Dr. William Bennett, in severe condemnation of the new Fugitive Slave Circular was unanimously carried.

The second battalion of the 16th Regiment, between 800 and 900 strong, marched out of Chatham garrison on Thursday morning, and proceeded by special train to Portsmouth, where it embarked on board the Jununa for India.

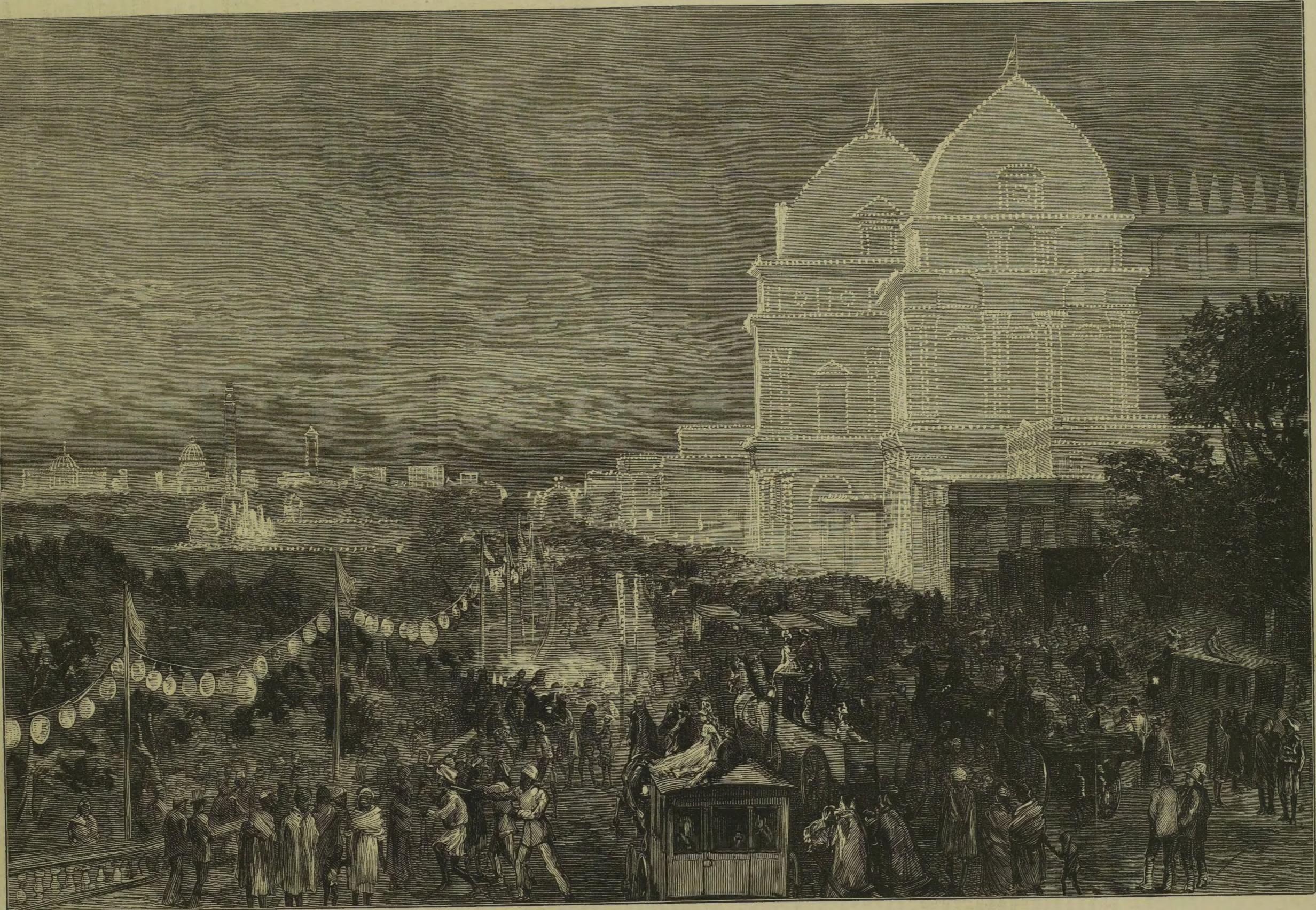
The polling in North Shropshire took place, on Wednesday, with the following result:—Mr. Leighton, 2737; Mr. Mainwaring, 2700. Both gentlemen are Conservatives, but Mr. Leighton put himself forward as the advocate of the interests of the tenant farmers.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, while entertaining a party of guests at Eastwell Park, Kent (amongst whom were Prince and Princess Christian) provided for them a special exhibition of Mr. D. L. Mundy's series of dioramic views of New Zealand scenery, including the wonderful hot springs and cascades of Rotomahana.

The Duke of Edinburgh presided, on Wednesday evening, at the biennial banquet of the National Sailors' Home, at Dover. Lord Granville, who was among the guests, referred to the visit of the Prince of Wales to India, and stated that it was undertaken solely at the instance of his Royal Highness himself, who



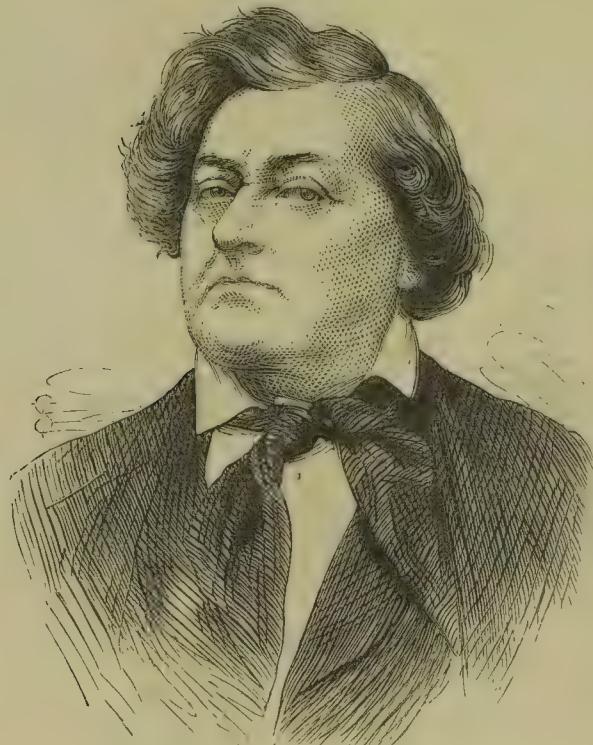
THE WAR IN THE HERZEGOVINA: INSURGENTS IN AMBUSH.
FROM A SKETCH BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST.



ILLUMINATIONS AT CALCUTTA IN HONOUR OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.
FROM A SKETCH BY ONE OF OUR SPECIAL ARTISTS.

THE LATE MR. H. GASTINEAU.

This venerable gentleman, who died on the 17th ult., at the age of eighty-six, may be considered to have formed a "link with the past" for the artistic world of the present day. Mr. Gastineau was a water-colour artist of no mean pretensions, and laboured to the last in his profession, of which he was devotedly fond. He exhibited and sold not less than eleven pictures in the 1875 Exhibition of the Old Society of Painters in Water Colours. In early life he was apprenticed to an engraver; but, after emancipating himself from that trade, he took to painting, first in oils, and subsequently in water



THE LATE M. FREDERICK LEMAÎTRE.

colours. A reference to the catalogues of the Old Society shows that he first exhibited in their gallery in the year 1818. He was elected an associate in 1821, and a full member in 1824. At his decease he had been connected with the society fifty-eight years, being the last surviving of the old members. Amongst these may be named G. Barrett, Cox, Cristall, Copley Fielding, Robson, Varley and others, Prout, De Wint, Harding, Finch, and Cattermole. These all came after him, but he survived them all. Mr. Gastineau was followed to the grave, in Norwood cemetery, on the 24th, by the members of his family, and by Mr. Carl Haag, in the unavoidable absence of Sir John Gilbert, President of the Old Society; also by Mr. Edward Goodall and Mr. Alfred Fripp, these gentle-



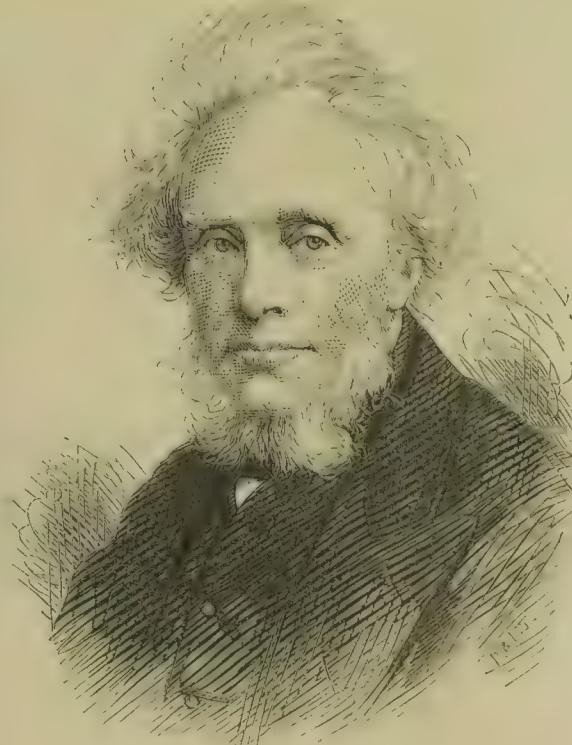
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men attending, at their own request, as a deputation to mark the estimation in which the deceased was held by his fellow-members of the Old Water Colour Society. That society was established in 1805. The last of the original eight or ten members who founded it was Mr. Robert Hills, the animal-painter, who died in 1844, and who, up to his death, was always its treasurer or, at one time, its secretary. Mr. William Evans, of Eton, is now the father of the society, having been elected in 1826 as an associate, and in 1831 a full member. Mr. Gastineau has left, besides other children, an unmarried daughter, Miss Maria Gastineau, who inherits her father's love of art, and is herself a member of the Ladies' Society of Painters in Water Colours.

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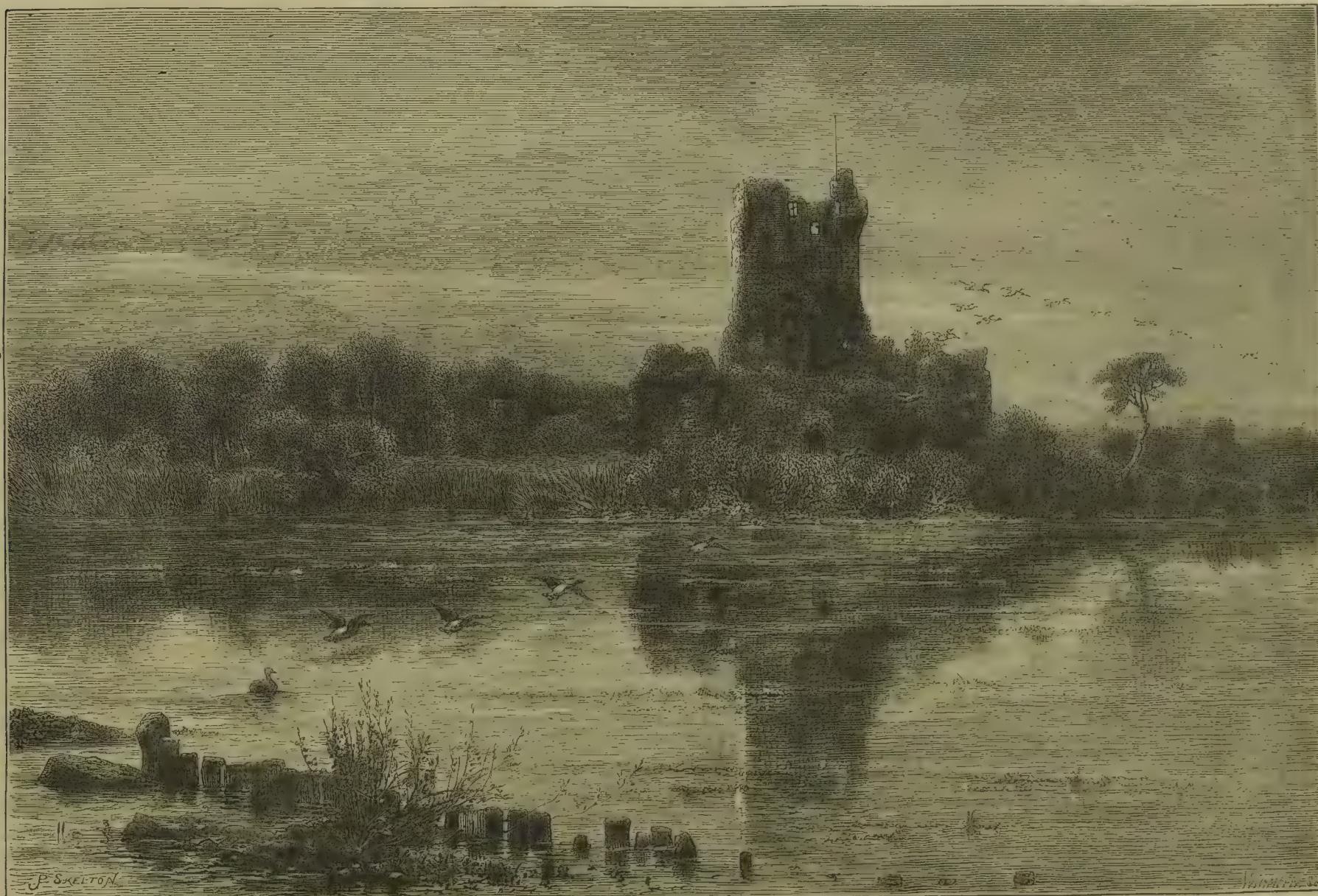
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THE LATE MR. H. GASTINEAU.

cedence allowed to these subjects is a token of the genuine English feeling that should inspire an undertaking which aims at popular instruction and entertainment. But this feeling has been equally manifested in other publications by the same house, notably in the illustrated histories of England, of "Old and New London," of the United States, and of British India, as well as in the "Illustrated Shakespeare." It is a spirit deserving of public encouragement. We are permitted to borrow an Engraving, the view of Ross Castle, from the superbly-printed pages of "Picturesque Europe." It will recommend the work now in progress, which is to extend to sixty parts. Each part will contain one steel engraving besides many engravings on wood.



ROSS CASTLE (FROM "PICTURESQUE EUROPE").

LAW AND POLICE.

In the Queen's Bench Division, on Monday, the case in which the rule nisi for a criminal information for libel had been obtained against the publisher of a morning contemporary came before the Lord Chief Justice and Justices Blackburn and Lush. The complainants were three magistrates of the borough of Hastings, who now accepted a full apology tendered on behalf of the defendant by Sir Henry James. The rule was accordingly discharged, with costs.

Judgment was, on Tuesday, delivered by Vice-Chancellor Bacon, in the Chancery Division, in the case of Patterson versus the Gas Light and Coke Company, the hearing of which occupied seventeen days, the object of the plaintiff being to establish his right to a patent taken out by him in March, 1872. To this right he is now declared to be entitled, the defendants being adjudged to pay all the costs of the litigation.

A case relative to the roller-skates now so much used in rinks has been decided by the Master of the Rolls. Mr. Plimpton, an American, took out a patent for them in August, 1865, and he now sought to restrain Mr. Malcolmson, of Brighton, from infringing that patent. The defendant attacked the plaintiff's patent on various grounds, but chiefly because his invention was said to have been made known in this country before he applied for his grant of letters. The Master of the Rolls, however, decided against this contention, and only suspended the issue of an injunction for the time necessary to enable the defendant to move for a new trial.

On the occasion of the Prince of Wales's visit to Sheffield last summer Messrs. Defries, of London, were employed by the decoration committee of the town, of which Mr. Mappin was an active member, to erect three triumphal arches for fixed sums, and all to be finished by a certain time. In the construction of one of them, however, a slight hitch occurred, upon which Mr. Mappin insisted upon its being pulled down. To recover the price of this arch Messrs. Defries sued that gentleman in the Common Pleas Division, the jury, on Wednesday, awarding the full sum of £250 claimed.

A curious action has been heard before Sheriff Sconce, at Stirling. Jane Lynn, a domestic servant, sues William Logan, a miner, for £20 damages, in consequence of his having had her proclaimed in the parish church with a view to marriage with him without her consent. The plaintiff fainted on hearing the proclamation of the banns made in church. The case was adjourned for proof.

In the Dublin Court of Exchequer, last Saturday, the Lord Chief Baron, in the case of the Attorney-General v. Delany, decided that bequests for masses for the repose of souls, to be celebrated in private, are not charitable within the meaning of the statute, as they cannot tend to the benefit of the public, not being celebrated in public. Legacy duty was therefore payable.

At the general meeting of the magistrates of the county of Middlesex, yesterday week, attention was called to the number of women committed to prison for terms of seven days and under for the non-payment of sums of 5s. and under for offences against by-laws of the School Board of London, and the hope was expressed that in a short time such consequences would require to be only in a few instances enforced.

Richard Banner Oakley, manager and proprietor of the Co-operative Credit Bank, was again brought before the Lord Mayor and Alderman Sir Robert Carden at the Mansion House, yesterday week, charged with having, on various occasions between June 1, 1875, and Jan. 15 last, obtained sums of money and securities of great value, with intent to cheat and defraud. Mr. Wontner, who appeared for the prosecution, said it had been found that instead of the sum of £40,000, which ought to have been in hand in connection with the bank, there was only about 10s. 6d. The total amount of deposits standing in the defendant's books was some £40,000; the balance in the hands of the receiver appointed for the bankruptcy was a sum of 3s. 1d. To cover the large sum deposited there were a few securities, but they were all contained in a black handbag. During his career the defendant had been six times made a bankrupt. Several witnesses were examined, and the case was adjourned to this day.

William Banks, a cabdriver, was summoned before Mr. Alderman Finniss, at Guildhall, on Tuesday, charged by Mr. M. J. Riley, a solicitor, with committing five different offences: refusing or neglecting to give complainant a ticket, being drunk while in charge of his cab, charging more than his fare, horse-whipping the complainant, and for furious driving. On being paid a shilling he became abusive, and on being directed to drive to the nearest police station furiously lashed the complainant with his whip and drove off. The charges of over-charge and assault being clearly proved, he was fined 20s. and costs.

At Guildhall, yesterday week, Frederick William Merry, woollen merchant, Bristol, was brought up on a warrant, charged, under the Debtor's Act, with obtaining £800 worth of goods in March last from the Fore-street Warehouse Company by means of false pretences. The manager of the company and one of the buyers having been examined, Mr. Alderman Hadley remanded the prisoner for a week, and required two bail in £500 each and himself in £100.

At Clerkenwell, last week, a gentleman was fined £5 and 17s. costs for having conveyed his daughter to the hospital in a cab while she was suffering from scarlet fever.

Nicholas Barany, coal merchant, Great Portland and Regent streets, was brought before the magistrate at Marlborough-street, last week, for final examination on a charge of obtaining £1000 by fraud. The prosecutor is a gentleman formerly in the British Navy, and he alleges that the defendant procured the money from him on the plea that he was manager of certain foreign coal agencies, that he did not contemplate forming these into a limited company, and that he was solvent. A limited company was formed, however, and the defendant was found to be insolvent. He was committed for trial.

John Clark, the keeper of a laundry, was summoned at Hammersmith for 17s., the amount of a week's wages. The prosecutrix's statement was that the defendant, after ascertaining from her that she was a widow, had "put up the banns" unknown to her; and, on her declining to marry him, had refused to pay her wages. The magistrate, having no doubt that the money was due, ordered the sum claimed to be paid, with 5s. costs in addition.

At the Central Criminal Court, on Tuesday, Norah Lynn and John Willmore, who had pleaded guilty to stealing a large quantity of valuable china, were sentenced—Lynn to eighteen months' hard labour and Willmore to five years' penal servitude. Two dealers, named Jewell and Clark, who were tried for feloniously receiving the same, were acquitted. Henry Stringer, who had stolen £1500 from his employers, was recommended by them to mercy; but the Common Serjeant felt it his duty to sentence him to five years' penal servitude. Sentence of five years' penal servitude was passed on William Syrett, a labourer. He was found late at night fixed helplessly between two iron bars of a window, through which he was attempting to make his escape from a house he had entered with burglarious intentions. His only defence was that he was out of work at the time, and that distress drove him to do what he had done. On Wednesday three cases of attempted murder were tried before Mr. Justice Field. Frederick Hume was found guilty of attempting to murder his master, an eating-house keeper in Bethnal-green, and was sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude; Francis Keefe, who had stabbed his sweetheart, was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude; and Richard Ryan, who had severely beaten his wife and then thrown her out of window, was sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude.

Sarah Chandler was again brought before the Spalding magistrates on Tuesday, and pleaded guilty to stealing a cloth jacket. She was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment and four years' subsequent confinement in a reformatory. The man who took a prominent part in the agitation about the committal of the girl for plucking a geranium, and who was charged with being a receiver of stolen goods, has been committed for trial.

Thomas Dixon, aged fifteen, was charged at Kendal, on Monday, with discharging a bullet from a catapult at a railway-train. The bullet went through a carriage window and fell near a lady. The prisoner was committed to gaol for six weeks.

For burning paraffin oil on board his vessel on the 26th ult., he having about ten tons of gunpowder on board at the time, Captain Clemens, of the ship Water Nymph, was, on Monday, at Liverpool, fined £10 and costs.

Captain Adamson, of the Strathearn, was charged at the Queenstown Petty Sessions, on Monday, with neglecting to provide the emigrants on board with the proper quantity of food and water. In one case it was alleged that a child had died in consequence of such neglect. The magistrates fined the defendant £20.

SAVING LIFE AT SEA AND RELIEF TO SUFFERERS FROM SHIPWRECK.

At the meetings of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, held at Hibernia-chambers, London Bridge, in the months of December and January, the secretary, Captain Symons, R.N., read a letter from Captain Jackman, in command of the steam-tug Vigilant, applying for a reward for saving the captain, his wife, and the crew of the Danish barque Viele, which had been in collision off the South Foreland, and landing them at Dover. Corroborative evidence having been obtained, a letter of thanks was voted to Captain Jackman, and £5 to be divided amongst himself and crew. A letter was also read from the Ramsgate agent reporting three cases of bravery accompanied by personal risk on the part of the Ramsgate boatmen. The first was the case of the master and crew of the Renown, who with great difficulty during a heavy sea and gale saved the master and crew of the Mayflower when foundering after remaining by her twenty-four hours, £10 was voted, being £3 for the master, £2 10s. each to the men who manned the boat, and £1 to each of the apprentices. The second was that of the master and crew of the Elisha, who, during quite a hurricane, rescued the crew of the Esther, which was in a leaky condition, with several feet of water in her hold; £10 was likewise voted to them, being £3 for the master, and the remainder proportionately. The third was that of the master and crew of the Why Not, who were successful in saving the crew of the Harriet and Eliza, during a heavy gale; they were also voted £10, to be divided in like manner. In each of these cases the bravery of the men entailed the loss of their fish. An application for a reward was

read from the Peterhead agent on behalf of Archibald Peebles, who, during a strong wind and heavy sea, succeeded, at considerable risk, his own boat being stove in in the act, in rescuing five men of the fishing-boat Integrity from a watery grave; the silver medal of the society was voted to him and £1 to each of his crew. A letter of thanks was also sent through the agent at Port Isaac to Captain G. Brown and his two men for the humanity and skill displayed by them in rescuing three of the crew of the Sylph, which had capsized, from drowning; and lastly they voted, through the agents at Berwick, £2 to the master (W. Watson) and £1 to each of the crew of the Welcome Home, for their gallantry in saving the lives of the crew of the Beautiful Star during a heavy gale, at great risk both of their lives and boat, in November last.

The committee having heard through their honorary agents that the towns of Cellardyke and St. Monance, in Fifeshire, had lost at one blow thirty-seven of the flower of their seafaring men, leaving nineteen women widows and seventy-two children orphans, and that a local fund was being raised to help these destitute ones, resolved to head the list of contributions with £150.

Several legacies and other gifts were reported.

The secretary reported that 1241 widows, orphans, and aged parents, and 686 shipwrecked persons had been relieved during the past two months, including 820 who receive a small grant annually, at an expense of £5423.

The annual collections in the places of worship at Sheffield were made on Sunday, when more than £2000 was received.

Lord Rosebery delivered the inaugural address at the Glasgow Public School Union on Tuesday evening. The noble Lord said that he believed the only efficient system of education was the making of our schools thoroughly national by keeping them alone to secular subjects; for the education of the children of the nation should be national in its method, national in its spirit, and national in its scope.

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The vicissitudes of a year have left their mark upon the Legislature as a whole. In the Peerage the mortality during the past year has not been very great, while the House of Lords has been, so to speak, enriched by several new creations. There have died in 1875 the Duke of Montrose, who, his Scotch dukedom not entitling him to a place in Parliament, sat as a peer of the United Kingdom, by the designation of Baron Graham. Of Earls who have died there have been the Earls of Charleville (an Irish peer), Carnwath, Huntingdon, Ranfurly (who, an Irish Earl, sat in the House of Peers as a Baron of the United Kingdom), Stanhope (a great name in political, social, and literary estimation), and Yarborough. The following Viscounts have passed away—namely, De Vesci (an Irish representative peer), Hill, and Molesworth (an Irish peer). The Barons who disappeared from this world were Lords Dorchester, Duffus (Scotch peer), Grantley, Fitzwalter (a comparatively new creation, formerly well known in the House of Commons as Sir Brooke Bridges, one of the members for Kent, Hastings, Lovat (a Scotch peer, but a Baron of the United Kingdom), Reay (a Scotch peer), St. Leonards (a sage of the law who lived to a patriarchal age), Tredegar, and Westbury (the second Baron). Of these the earldom of Charleville and the baronies of Fitzwalter and Duffus have become extinct.

There have been additional titles conferred on some existing peers, and there have been several new creations. Thus, the extinct Scottish dukedom of Gordon has been revived in favour of the Duke of Richmond, making him the possessor of four dukedoms, those of Richmond, Gordon, Lennox, and Aubigny in France. The Earl of Abergavenny has been raised to a marquise; Lord Wharncliffe is now an Earl; the Earl of Erne (an Irish representative peer) has received the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom as Lord Fermanagh; Mr. John Ormsby Gore, for long M.P. for Shropshire, is now a Baron of the United Kingdom as Lord Harlech of Harlech; a well-known member of the House of Commons, Mr. Gerard Sturt, who sat for Dorsetshire, is now Baron Alington of Critchell; Mr. John Tollemache, who for many years represented Cheshire in the lower House, has been created Baron Tollemache, of Helmingham; and Sir Robert Gerard, Bart., is a peer by the style and title of Baron Gerard of Byrn, in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

Many changes have taken place in the House of Commons even since the prorogation in August last, and a number of new members will be entitled to take their seats on the opening of Parliament. The death of Mr. Fielden, the Conservative member for Blackburn, made a vacancy in the representation of that town, which has been supplied by the election of Mr. Daniel Thwaites, a gentleman of like political complexion. Returned only in June last for West Suffolk in the Conservative interest, Mr. Fuller Maitland Wilson has died, and been succeeded by Mr. Thomas Thornhill, who is also a Conservative. An election for the borough of Armagh was rendered necessary by the decease of Mr. John Vance, whose place has been supplied by Mr. Beresford, both being Conservatives. A well-known and respected member of the House, Mr. Charles Turner, one of the representatives of South West Lancashire, died, and the vacancy he left has been filled by the election of Lieutenant-Colonel John Ireland Blackburne, whose politics (Conservative) are the same as those of his predecessor. The Attorney-General, Sir Richard Baggallay, resigned his seat for Mid-Surrey on being appointed one of the Lords Justices of Appeal in the Supreme Court of Judicature, and Sir Trevor Lawrence, like his predecessor, a Conservative, has been chosen to succeed him. The appointment of Sir Seymour Fitzgerald to the post of Chief Commissioner of Charities left the representation of Horsham vacant, and it is now in the possession of Mr. R. H. Hurst, formerly its member, who, being a Liberal, while his predecessor was of opposite politics, has thus won a seat for his party. Amongst the deaths of units of the Legislature is to be counted that of Mr. William Dingwall Fordyce, the Liberal member for East Aberdeenshire; and, by the return in his room of General the Hon. Sir A. H. Gordon, a Conservative, a seat has nominally been lost to the Liberals. On the death of Mr. J. P. Cobbold, M.P. for Ipswich, a gentleman of the same name and like politics (Conservative), Mr. Thomas Clement Cobbold, replaced him. There were vacancies in the representation of Leominster, by the retirement of Mr. Richard Arkwright, and for Huntingdon, by the resignation of Sir John Karslake. Vacancies have been created in the representation of North Shropshire and of Dorsetshire, by the elevation to the Peerage of Mr. John Ormsby-Gore and Mr. Gerard Sturt respectively; while East Suffolk needs a new member, since Lord Mahon has succeeded to the earldom of Stanhope. There must be an election for Burnley, in consequence of the death of its member, Mr. Richard Shaw; while Mr. W. R. Callender, Conservative member for Manchester, having died, there is a vacancy in the representation of that city to be filled. So far as the elections have been at present settled, no change in the relative position in the House of the two political parties has taken place, the loss of a Conservative seat at Horsham having been balanced by the gain of one in East Aberdeenshire.

Mr. Eliot Constantine York, one of the Conservative members for Cambridgeshire, has been elected president of the Cambridge Agricultural Society by a majority of six over Mr. Hunter Rodwell, Q.C., his colleague in the representation, who was chosen vice-president.

At a poor-law conference for the midland district, held at Northampton, last week, and presided over by Earl Spencer, a resolution was passed expressive of opinion that it was desirable to take steps to check the irregular bestowal of outdoor relief, with a view to the gradual diminution of such an encouragement of pauperism and improvidence. The conference at the same time desired to impress upon the Government the importance of establishing a national sick and superannuation fund, with a view to the ultimate abolition of all outdoor relief except that of orphan children.

Mr. W. E. Forster, M.P., yesterday week stated to the Bradford Chamber of Commerce his views on the Suez Canal shares purchase. Commercially and financially he condemns it, but holds that the real issue before Parliament will be its political value; and if Lord Derby can show that it will make our communication with India more secure without injuring others, it will be the duty of Parliament to support him.—At the annual meeting of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, on Monday, a resolution was passed urging the Government to suspend negotiations for the proposed cession of Gambia to France until further inquiries had been made. Mr. William Rathbone, M.P., said that no doubt one of the first and most important works of the coming Session would be a Merchant Shipping Bill. He characterised the suggestion for a compulsory classification or compulsory survey as one of the most dangerous proposals that had ever been made. What had been done in this direction had already proved positively injurious. Mr. M'Fer, M.P., said that the shipping legislation of the last four years had been, from a humanitarian point of view, useless, and from a shipowner's point of view vexatious.

ROYAL INSTITUTION LECTURES.

MONKEYS AND LEMURS.

Professor A. H. Garrod, M.A., in his second lecture on the Classification of Vertebrated Animals, on Tuesday week, resumed his account of the anthropoid apes by considering their lowest form, the gibbon, which possesses a small brain, short legs, long arms, feet partly webbed, and peculiar thumbs and great toes,—its whole structure being adapted to arboreal life. The various species of monkeys were next commented on, special notice being taken of their characteristic prehensile tails and their teeth—those of the old world possessing thirty-two, like man, and the higher anthropoids; those of the new world having thirty-six. Both classes having been fully illustrated by specimens and magnified illuminated photographs, from the great baboon to the little marmozet, the Professor passed to their interesting allies, the lemuroidea, which more nearly approach quadrupeds, and which principally exist in Madagascar and the East Indian isles. Of these he specially dilated on the aye-aye, pointing out the peculiarities of its hands and teeth, and its power of boring through wood to get at the grubs or insects within it, the presence of which it has previously ascertained by tapping and listening. The cheiroptera, or bats, were next considered. Their wings were shown to be really modified hands, differing materially from the wings of birds; and their hibernation, cries, and other habits having been duly noticed, the structure of the extinct flying reptile, the pterodactyle, was referred to. The distinctions between the fruit-eating bats and the insectivorous bats, sometimes termed flying foxes from the shape of their heads, having been pointed out, the lecture concluded with an interesting account of the galeopithecus, or flying lemur, a native of the Moluccas, a singular nocturnal animal, which lives on fruit and insects, and, like the bats, can suspend itself by its hind legs, but greatly differs from them in its paws and in other parts of its structure, being a kind of "missing link." All the Professor's explanations and deductions were fully illustrated.

HYDROGEN AND ITS COMPOUNDS.

Professor J. H. Gladstone's second lecture on the Non-Metallic Elements, on Thursday week, was devoted to the history and properties of hydrogen, illustrated by numerous experiments. He showed how Paracelsus, in the sixteenth century, produced an "air" from iron dissolved in diluted oil of vitriol or sulphuric acid, which air Turquet de Mayerne, in 1650, found to be inflammable, which was proved by Mayow to be unable to support life or combustion, and which Robert Boyle studied and termed "the volatile sulphur of Mars," suggesting its modern character—a sort of gaseous metal. Cavendish's researches, in 1766, proved its extreme lightness, it being less than one fourteenth of the weight of atmospheric air; and Professor Gladstone, by means of the electric spark, converted a mixture of oxygen and hydrogen gases into water, repeating Cavendish's illustrious experiment with the original apparatus—a strong glass vessel. This discovery of the true composition of pure water had been suggested by Watt, and was proved by Lavoisier, Nicholson, Davy, and others. The Professor then showed experimentally that hydrogen may be produced by the agency of other metals and acids; but especially by the decomposition of water effected by means of electricity, extreme heat, or the action of various metals, such as potassium, sodium, and magnesium, and also by zinc, especially when coupled with an electro-negative metal, such as copper or platinum. He then exhibited the oxy-hydrogen blow-pipe, the intense heat of the combination of the two gases being proved by its fusing platinum, and by the brilliant light, due to incandescent lime in the flame. The combination of hydrogen with certain metals to form stable gaseous compounds was then noticed, as well as the absorption of it by copper, platinum, and other metals; and specimens of some of these were exhibited, prepared by Mr. Tribe, by suspending in water the metals finely divided, which aggregated in a remarkable manner when subjected to the action of hydrogen. Professor Gladstone exhibited a medal of palladium, which Mr. Chandler Roberts, chemist of the Mint, had caused to absorb more than one thousand times its volume of hydrogen gas, whereby it increased its bulk and modified most of its physical properties. The gas is given off when the compound is heated. In conclusion, the Professor adverted to the great importance of hydrogen as an element, since it forms one ninth part of water; and, moreover, by means of the spectroscope, has been proved to be a chief constituent of the atmospheres of the sun and the fixed stars.

DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN ANIMALS AND PLANTS.

Professor Huxley, LL.D., F.R.S., at the Friday evening meeting, Jan. 28, gave a discourse on the Border Territory between the Animal and Vegetable Kingdoms. The first part was devoted to the consideration of Cuvier's division of organised beings into animals and vegetables, and his subdivision of living beings into animated, which possess sense and motion, and inanimate, which are devoid of these functions and simply vegetate; and, although they exhibit certain movements, yet none of these justify the ascription to plants of perception or will. From the mobility of animals Cuvier deduced their need of, 1, an alimentary cavity or reservoir of food; 2, a circulatory system; 3, a complex system of muscles and nerves, including not only the chemical elements of plants, but also nitrogen, which he affirmed to be peculiar to animals; and, 4, respiration, during which they absorb oxygen and exhale carbonic acid—the relations between animals and plants to the atmosphere being, therefore, inverse. Thus wrote Cuvier, in his "Règne Animal," in 1828, his reasoning being sound and true according to the knowledge of the time, and for the higher forms of life. Since that time, especially during the fourth and fifth decades of this century, biological science has undergone a great and rapid revolution through microscopical investigation, and all Cuvier's distinctions have fallen away. It has been clearly proved that innumerable plants and free plant-cells pass their lives in an active condition not distinguishable from that of the lower animals, some of which either have no stomach or are all stomach. Nitrogen has been shown to be an essential constituent of vegetable matter, and the tissues of plants are quite as chemically complex as the substance of animals; and although green plants, by the agency of chlorophyll, in sunshine absorb carbonic acid from the air and give off oxygen, yet the reverse takes place in the dark; while fungi, devoid of chlorophyll, absorb oxygen and exhale carbonic acid, like ourselves. The researches of Schwann and Schleiden, beginning in 1837, have founded the modern science of histology, proving that the tissues of the fabric of animals and plants are composed of cells closely resembling each other; and the researches of Dr. Burdon Sanderson, Mr. Darwin, and others have proved that plants possess contractility very similar to the reflex nervous action on which the locomotion of animals depends. After describing various interesting experiments relating to the subject, Professor Huxley referred to the microscopical examination of an infusion of hay recently submitted to him by Dr. Tyndall, in which, besides wriggling bacteria, unquestionably plants, he detected very active monads, in size about the thousandth of an inch, pear-like in shape, which he named heteromita. He then adverted to Messrs. Dallinger and Drysdale's researches on a similar

creature, commenting on its very rapid multiplication by peculiar methods, increasing about a thousand in an hour; and, after duly weighing all the evidence he could obtain and reasoning upon analogies derived from the study of the fungus, the cause of the potato disease, and other organisms, which, after much discussion, had been proved to be vegetables, he concluded by acknowledging his utter inability to decide at present whether his new heteromita were an animal or plant; there is still a border territory between the animal and vegetable kingdoms.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL RESEARCHES IN ASIA MINOR.

Mr. R. P. Pullan, in his second lecture, on Saturday last, continued his account of his exploration of the west coast of Asia Minor, illustrated by numerous magnified photographs projected on a screen. From Smyrna, in 1862, he proceeded to Ephesus, where, in an aqueduct near the castle, he noticed some stones, which from their size and style he concluded had belonged to the Temple of Diana, the ruins of which were subsequently found near the spot. He then crossed the mountain to the valley of the Meander, and visited Priene, containing the remains of a fine Ionic temple. At Miletus, where he next arrived, he found few remains, but those of the theatre, 224 ft. in diameter. Nine miles beyond this stand three columns of the celebrated temple of Apollo Branchidæ, the finest mass of ruins of good style in Asia Minor, the building having been 362 ft. long by 127 ft. broad. A sacred way, lined with seated figures, now in the British Museum, led to this temple from the port, a mile distant. Slight excavations have been lately carried on here by some French gentlemen sent by M. Rothschild. Coasting southward from this place, Mr. Pullan visited Tassos, a small Greek city on a peninsula, and thence continued along the shore till he came in sight of the mountains of Boodroom, where he had been five years previously. He then turned inland to the temple of Euromus, which has fifteen columns standing, passed through Mendelet, and, skirting the Lake of Baffi, returned to Smyrna, visiting the Temple of Diana Leucophryne, at Magnesia, on the way. Having received instructions from the Society of Dilettanti to excavate the temple at Teos, he began operations in April, 1862, and by July had uncovered the site, finding it as described by Vitruvius, hexastyle and eustyle, and not octostyle and dipterale, as has been supposed. In the autumn of 1862 Mr. Pullan returned to England. In the summer of 1866 he was again sent out by the society to dig up the Temple of Apollo Smintheus, in the Troad, and completed its excavation by the winter. He found the building had been octostyle and pseudo-dipteral, differing from most other examples not only in its details, which were of fine character, but also in its plan, as it had had fourteen columns on the flanks instead of fifteen, the usual number. After an excursion into the interior of the Troad, where he identified the site of Scepsis, he returned to Smyrna by the Island of Mitylene, which had suffered so much by an earthquake in March, 1867.

Mr. William Crookes, F.R.S., will on Friday next, the 11th inst., give a discourse on the Mechanical Action of Light. On Saturday next Professor Thiselton Dyer will begin a course of four lectures on the Vegetable Kingdom: the Boundaries and Connections of the Larger Groups.

The Royal United Service Institution essay for the present year is to be on the subject of the Causes which have led to the Pre-eminence of Nations in War. A gold medal will be awarded by the council for the best essay.

Mr. Crookes, F.R.S., read a paper, on Thursday week evening, at the London Institution, on the Radiation of Light, in which he pointed out some practical applications that might be made of his scientific discoveries. Mr. Crookes showed how the "torsion balance" can be employed as a test for the purity of our gas supply.

On the same evening Sir John Bennett delivered a lecture on the Dutch and their Doings to the members of the City of London College. Sir John dwelt upon the peculiar way in which the great principles of religious liberty had been fought out by the Dutch in their long struggles against Spain under the Rule of Philip II. This mighty conflict beat back Rome and the Inquisition, and wrested from Spain freedom more untrammelled than any other State then possessed. He then pictured the Netherlands, the outer and inner of its town and country districts, dwelt upon its native art, its social habits, its manufactures and industry, and more especially its political and educational institutions, which he praised for their excellent and practical success. An enthusiastic vote of thanks to Sir John concluded the proceedings.

Dr. W. C. Bennett has consented, at the request of the committee of the Chelsea Literary and Scientific Institution, to give to their members his readings from American poets.

On Friday evening, at the rooms of the Society of Arts, Adelphi, Dr. Benjamin W. Richardson, F.R.S., continued his special lectures on the subject of Industrial Pathology, or the Influences of certain Injurious Occupations on Health and Life.

In his fourth lecture, last Saturday, Professor Leone Levi considered the subject of trade disagreements, and advised workmen before they struck to count the cost, as a reference to past strikes was not very encouraging. He counselled working men to cease to quarrel with capital and to strive to make their labour more productive. At the close a resolution was adopted affirming the desirability of making permanent provision for the establishment of classes for the instruction of working men in political economy.

Mr. W. Mattieu Williams continued his Cantor lectures on Iron and Steel Manufactures at the Society of Arts, on Monday evening. The special theme selected was "finished iron," the previous lecture having treated in full of the production of the made metal technically known as "pig iron."

Sir Samuel Baker lectured at Plymouth last Tuesday night on British Influence in the Advancement of Africa. He described his two expeditions, showed to how great an extent slave-hunting and slave-trading were carried on in the parts he had visited, and observed that the advance of Englishmen was always regarded by the chiefs with hostility; for, in spite of any fugitive slave circular, it was well understood abroad that the presence of Englishmen meant sooner or later the suppression of slavery. He spoke in very high terms of the efforts of Lieutenant Cameron and Mr. Stanley, and expressed his conviction that the greatest achievement in African exploration was reserved for Colonel Gordon.

An attempt was made, last Saturday evening, to steal the Duchess of Northumberland's jewels. The Duke and Duchess were entertaining a party at dinner at Albury Park, near Guildford, when one of the servants, passing the rear of the house, saw a ladder placed against the bed-room window of the Duchess. The window was open, and the servant saw the flicker of a bullseye lantern. He raised a cry of alarm, and two men immediately came out of the open window, descended the ladder, and escaped in the darkness through the park.

FINE ARTS.

THE DUDLEY GALLERY.

The exhibition of water-colour drawings at this gallery is possibly equal to, but it is not an improvement upon, that of last year. As the number of the works shown increase there must necessarily be a diminution in the importance, or at least the size (which, of course, often means the same thing), of the component items. The interest of the early water-colour displays here was due mainly to the considerable proportion of occasional productions by artists that had been known only as painters in oil and to the tentative efforts of unknown painters in water colours who were working in the hope of making a mark rather than merely to sell. But now most of the works are too obviously merely manufactured for the smaller purchasers, and there are very few contributions sufficiently representative to demand criticism.

The difficulty which meets us at the outset in attempting to review this collection in detail is—what to select as deserving first consideration, so little is there of salient importance. And the hanging committee must have felt the same when they placed the three child-portraits (202), by Mr. J. C. Moore, in what is usually regarded as the post of honour. These are, no doubt, very pretty and natural, and nicely painted, but the art is surely somewhat superficial; the composition, especially of the background, is faulty (to say nothing of the mistaken taste of framing the three portraits triptych fashion), the effect is rather weak; moreover, in the treatment the artist but follows Mr. Poynter; and Mr. Moore himself has done better before, if not in other similar child-portraits in the present gathering. Popular success in any specialité is always dangerous; and for character and thoroughness in this class of small portraiture the palm must on this occasion be awarded to Miss Edith Martineau for the half-lengths of the Rev. Dr. James Martineau (105) and Mrs. John L. Roget (85). The individuality of the former and the beautiful modelling of the hands in the latter deserve high praise. Mr. Poynter is represented by a figure of Michael Angelo (527), to be executed as a decorative design (at least life-size, we presume) in the lecture theatre, South Kensington Museum. The figure is seated in an architectural niche of appropriate style, with the antique torso, which the master studied so reverently, on the right, and both the conception and execution evince learning and ability so adequate to the arduous theme that the evident intention of assimilating the design to the grandiose character of the Prophets and Sybils by Michael Angelo himself in the Sistine Chapel will meet with general acceptance. A landscape study of "Shunor Fell" (485), also by Mr. Poynter, is map-like in its careful accuracy, but the all-pervading blackness of tone is unlike the aspect of nature, at least under the conditions of chequered light indicated. By Mr. Calderon there is a small figure (312) of a beautiful maiden in quasi-Greek costume, leaning wistfully against a fallen column. Mr. Heywood Hardy, in "Fishers of the Nile" (126), paints a row of marabouts with a closeness of observation of the peculiarities of those quaint birds which recalls his ornithological study of last year.

The preceding are some of the more important drawings here. We may now invite attention to other works which struck us as noteworthy, following the order of the catalogue, contenting ourselves with simple mention where that may seem to suffice, but diverging occasionally to group the drawings of a given artist together. We pause first, then, before a portrait of "The Hon. Mrs. John Stanley" (27), by E. Clifford, one of several in which the capabilities of water colour seem to be unduly strained to meet the life-size scale. "A Pastoral" (43), by J. Knight; breadth is here carried to excess, and the low-toned sky is a French peculiarity we do not desire to see introduced into our school. "Under the Umbrellas, Verona" (69), a vivacious market scene, by C. Earle. "Harem of Sheikh Sadat" (70), by Frank Dillon, who contributes other elaborate Oriental interiors. "A Handful of Warmth" (75), by E. Bale: a German girl warming her hands at a brazier—large and manly in execution; see also "Easter" (344); by the same. "A Welsh Funeral" (92), by C. Potter. "Carting Sea-weed" (93), by Hamilton Macallum—a fine effective drawing, with little of the harshness which has accompanied the power of earlier works: the characteristic figures tell admirably against the bay shimmering in the sunlight. "Burning Kelp in North Uist" (358) is another vigorous drawing from the same pencil. No. 95, a plate of raspberries, covered with their freshest bloom and bursting with juice—one of the best of five excellent still-life pieces by Mrs. Helen Angell, better known as Miss Coleman. "On the Stour, Hampshire" (107), by Frank Watson: in this and other drawings the artist maintains the marked advance he has lately made. "Daffodils" (120), by A. Parsons; Nos. 135, 261, and 319, two landscapes and a marine piece, by H. Moore, good drawings, but not equal to the artist's works in oil. Mr. J. D. Watson sends "Under the Greenwood Tree" (136) and other contributions, but he is usually seen to more advantage at the Old Water-Colour Society. "On the Way to the Fête Normandy" (141), by W. J. Hennessy; "In Toledo" (142) one of several architectural subjects by T. R. Macquoid; "A Highland Village" (152), by J. J. Richardson; "Silenus Puzzled by Gravitation" (182); and "The Pipe in the Market" (180), by G. McCulloch, two humorous original drawings, but in a singularly dark tone, for which we find no justification, at least as regards the last-named subject. Nos. 197 and 212, two landscapes by Mr. Mark Fisher, large in style, apparently the result of foreign training. "Bramber Castle, Sussex" (201), by W. P. Burton, is also unusually broad in treatment. "Snowy Morning on the Thames" (203), by Ernest Waterlow, remarkable for freedom and elegance of handling, and altogether one of the most artistic works in the gallery. "Loch Carron" (211), by S. Vincent, refined in execution and beautiful in effect. "The Fly-fisher's Rest" (224), a sunny landscape by Tom Lloyd, who here, as elsewhere, is fast redeeming the promise of earlier works. "A Nautical Argument" (240), by C. N. Hemy, sailors in a Bankside inn, noticeable for chiaroscuro and character. No. 248 is one of five landscapes by Mr. C. J. Lewis, which have the artist's charm of true rustic feeling, with a breadth of gradation and unity of effect which we do not always find in his oil-paintings. "Under the Arbor-Vita" (353), by E. H. Fahey. "I Will and Bequeath" (271), by A. C. H. Luxmore—a Roundhead gentleman signing a document. "On the River Test" (292), by J. Aumonier. An interior view of St. Mark's, Venice (376), with a lady kissing the hand of an old priest, by W. J. Martens, is touched with great spirit and truth. But still more delicate, still more precise, yet not less crisp and brilliant, if somewhat photographic, is "La Porta della Carta, Venice" (480), by Martino del Don; "Gathering Peat" (386), by A. W. Weedon; "Bedouin Camp—Wilderness of Sinai" (387), by H. A. Harper. "What Is It?" (467)—the title of a very droll drawing by Percy Macquoid, of a terrier snarling inquisitively at a humming-top in full spin. The same promising young artist sends a charming figure of a lady dusting the ceramic treasures of a wardrobe (555). "Left in the Wood" (521), by H. E. Wooldridge, representing a figure muffled in classic costume walking sadly at twilight beneath trees while a pair of lovers are seen in the distance, is as poetical in sentiment as

it is beautiful in its quiet harmony of colouring. No. 541, by T. W. Wilson, presents, with admirable draughtsmanship, and under a skilfully realised effect of vivid lighting, a young gentleman in costume of the last century seated dejectedly beside the evidences of his extravagance. Taking this as a sample of what Mr. Wilson—a name new to us—can do, he should before long rank among our best figure-painters, à la Meissonier.

There are other contributions of merit, chiefly in the department of landscape, but which we have not space to particularise, by J. W. Bottomley, C. Bellay, G. S. Walters, C. R. Aston, H. M. Marshall, J. O. Long, T. B. Hardy, J. H. Leonard, W. F. Stocks, H. Pilleau, C. H. Cox, T. J. Watson, J. J. Bannatyne, J. C. Dollman, J. P. Emslie, A. Sevren, W. Pilsbury, A. Stocks, and J. Scott.

The committee of the Walker Memorial Fund ask us to say, in answer to numerous representations made to them, that they regret their inability to give effect to the wish so generally expressed that the exhibition of Mr. Walker's works now open at 168, New Bond-street, should be prolonged beyond the term at first announced. The exhibition must close finally on Saturday week, the 12th inst.

A bronze statue of Lord Palmerston, by Mr. Woolner, has been placed on a granite pedestal in Parliament-square, Westminster. This is an enlarged version of the statue by the same sculptor which was erected near the same spot a few years back and found too small for the site. It was unveiled without ceremony on Tuesday.

The O'Connell Memorial Committee have a second time come to decision as to whether the statue of O'Connell should have a cloak, and this time it is settled in the affirmative. At the voting a scene of great excitement took place between Sir Dominic Corrigan, the president, and Mr. Gray, proprietor of the *Freeman's Journal*.

The annual distribution of prizes was made to the successful students of the West London School of Art, in Great Portland-street, on Thursday week—Sir T. Chambers, M.P., in the chair. The report, which was read by the Head Master, Mr. G. A. Stewart, showed that the school had increased in prosperity during the past year.

The Academy of Fine Arts at Paris has appointed M. Meissonier, the painter, president for 1876, and M. Louis François, engraver, vice-president.

It appears that the decorative paintings in the New Opera House, Paris, by M. Baudry, which attracted so much notice on their completion not long since, are already so damaged by the smoke and heat of the gas as to be scarcely recognisable. The Minister of Fine Arts proposes to devote a thousand pounds a year to the restoration and reproduction of the paintings.

According to the *Journal de Liège*, a gigantic exhibition of the most celebrated of Rubens's pictures will take place at Antwerp next year, in celebration of the centenary of the master.

MUSIC.

Last Saturday's Crystal Palace concert brought forward two specialties by the same composer—Anton Rubinstein. The more important of these was a pianoforte concerto, with orchestral accompaniments, the third work of its kind that has proceeded from the same hand. Of this we have previously spoken in reference to its performance by Dr. Hans von Bülow at a concert of the Philharmonic Society two or three seasons ago. The great difficulties of the concerto, including an elaborate cadenza, were very finely rendered on Saturday by Mr. Oscar Beringer, whose admirable performance produced a marked impression. The second of the pieces referred to was a long scena, "E dunque ver," opening with an impassioned recitative, which is followed by an expressive andante, this being succeeded by another recitative, the whole ending with an impetuous allegro, embodying the climax of wrath and despair. There are occasional passages of dramatic impulse which would be more effective on the stage than in the concert-room; and these were rendered with much intelligence by Miss Sophie Löwe; notwithstanding the preponderance of the orchestral accompaniments, which are filled in with somewhat too lavish a hand. Miss Löwe's vocal powers and poetical feeling were afterwards heard to more advantage in two lieder of Schubert; the other vocal solos having been Handel's "Revenge! Timotheus cries," and Apolloni's recitative and aria, "Fu Dio che disse," sung by Signor Foli. Haydn's symphony in D (No. 2 of the Salomon set); Mendelssohn's overture, "Fingal's Cave;" and that by Berlioz, entitled "Les Francs Juges," completed the selection.

At this week's Monday Popular Concert that sterling artist Herr Straus reappeared as leading violinist, and played, with fine qualities of tone and style, in Mendelssohn's third string quartet (that in D major, from op. 44). Mdlle. Marie Krebs was again the pianist, her solo piece having been Bach's toccata and fugue in G minor, the encore of which was replied to by playing the gavotte from the same composer's third "Suite Anglaise." A feature in the programme was the first performance at these concerts of the late Sir Sterndale Bennett's fine sextet for pianoforte and stringed instruments. This was admirably rendered by Mdlle. Krebs in association with Herr Straus and MM. L. Ries, Zerbini, Piatti, and Reynolds. Chopin's polonaise for piano and violoncello displayed the high merits of Mdlle. Krebs and Signor Piatti to special advantage. Mdlle. Sophie Löwe was the vocalist, and Mr. Zerbini the accompanist.

That accomplished and rising young pianist Miss Florence May gave the first of three recitals at the Beethoven Rooms, last week, when she played a varied selection of pieces in the old and modern styles. The second recital took place last Wednesday afternoon, when the programme was of similar interest and variety.

A series of ten concertina concerts was begun at Langham Hall, last week, by that well-known professor of the instrument Mr. Richard Blagrove. The second concert is to take place on Thursday next, and, like the first, will include the clever pianoforte playing of Mrs. R. Blagrove.

The fifth of the London Ballad Concerts took place at St. James's Hall, on Wednesday evening, when another attractive selection was performed by artists who have appeared at the previous concerts.

"St. Paul" was given at the Royal Albert Hall, on Thursday evening, under the direction of Mr. William Carter; the solo singers announced having been Mesdames Edith Wynne and Patey, Mr. E. Lloyd, Mr. M. Bennett, Mr. T. Kempton, and Signor Foli.

Yesterday (Friday) evening the Sacred Harmonic Society was to perform a selection from the works of Handel and Mendelssohn, including the "Reformation" Symphony and the "Lauda Sion" of the latter composer, and the "Coronation" Anthem, the Occasional Overture, and airs and choruses from "Saul," "Jephtha," and "Joshua" of the former. Of this concert we must speak next week.

The Royal Albert Hall Orchestral Society gives the second concert of the new season this (Saturday) evening, when the performances will be for the benefit of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. The programme includes Mozart's pianoforte concerto in D minor, to be played by Miss Pawle; and a violoncello solo by Mr. T. Liebe.

A grand concert is to be given at the Royal Albert Hall on Friday, Feb. 25, at which the Queen has signified her intention to be present.

Mr. Henry Leslie will begin his twenty-first season at St. James's Hall on Feb. 17, with the first of four subscription concerts, an extra intermediate performance (including Mendelssohn's "Antigone" music) being announced for March 9.

The Earl of Shrewsbury will preside at the 138th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain, at Willis's Rooms, on March 22. The society is now supporting sixteen members, forty-two widows, and twenty children.

In the music class-room of Edinburgh University, Professor Oakeley gave, on Thursday week, an organ recital which was greatly enjoyed by a large audience.

M. de Coussemaker, an eminent writer on music and musical instruments, died recently at Paris, at the age of seventy. For many years he practised as an advocate, and afterwards as a Judge, but he adhered to his musical studies, and various works from his pen appeared from the year 1841, when he published his "Mémoire sur Huebald," down to the day of his death, when he was engaged on several important manuscripts. M. de Coussemaker was a correspondent of the Institute, a member of the Royal Academy of Belgium, and president of the "Commission Historique."

THEATRES.

CRITERION.

On Monday this elegant theatre reopened under the management of Mr. Alexander Henderson, who promises to his patrons "a light and bright entertainment." As an example of the kind of piece he means, he presents us, on the opening night, with the production of a fairy, musical extravaganza, after Clairville and Gastineau, called "Piff-Paff." It was preceded by Byron's two-act comedy of "The Old Story." This was very effectively performed, Mr. Lionel Brough, Mr. Westland, Mr. Charles Collette, Miss Davies, Miss Ewell, Miss Merville, and others, both male and female, of competent talent, assuming the different parts. The dialogue, well delivered, lost nothing of the sparkle that belongs to it, and kept the audience in good humour, and frequently extorted laughter, which of itself is sufficient applause. Of "Piff-Paff" it is difficult to give an account. There is so little of story in it that there is almost nothing to tell. But there are characters who, by their eccentricities, continually excite the audience. These have to do with the acting of the piece, but nothing with its literary merits, which have not been sufficiently well attended to—a great proportion of the spoken humour being little better than "gag." Much of the effect depends on the activity of the artistes; Miss Lydia Thompson, for instance, never standing still, but dancing always, singing always, chattering always—no repose—all bustle, buffoonery, and extravagance. Miss Thompson personates Prince Glamour, heir-apparent of Glamourie, who falls in love with a goatherdess, Joconde by name, charmingly played by Miss Violet Cameron. Mr. Willie Edouin, as Cherub, the Prince's Buttons, was never weary of inventing "business," to secure the attention of the unreflecting spectator, fond of show and bustle, and in love with absurdity. Some of the music is very pleasing, and the scenic illustrations are superb. But, properly speaking, there is no theme; the substance of the web is nonsense, and its outcome the merest gossamer, incapable of containing aught that is tangible, and continually shifting its place and shape. In a word, it is "Piff-Paff." The house was crowded.

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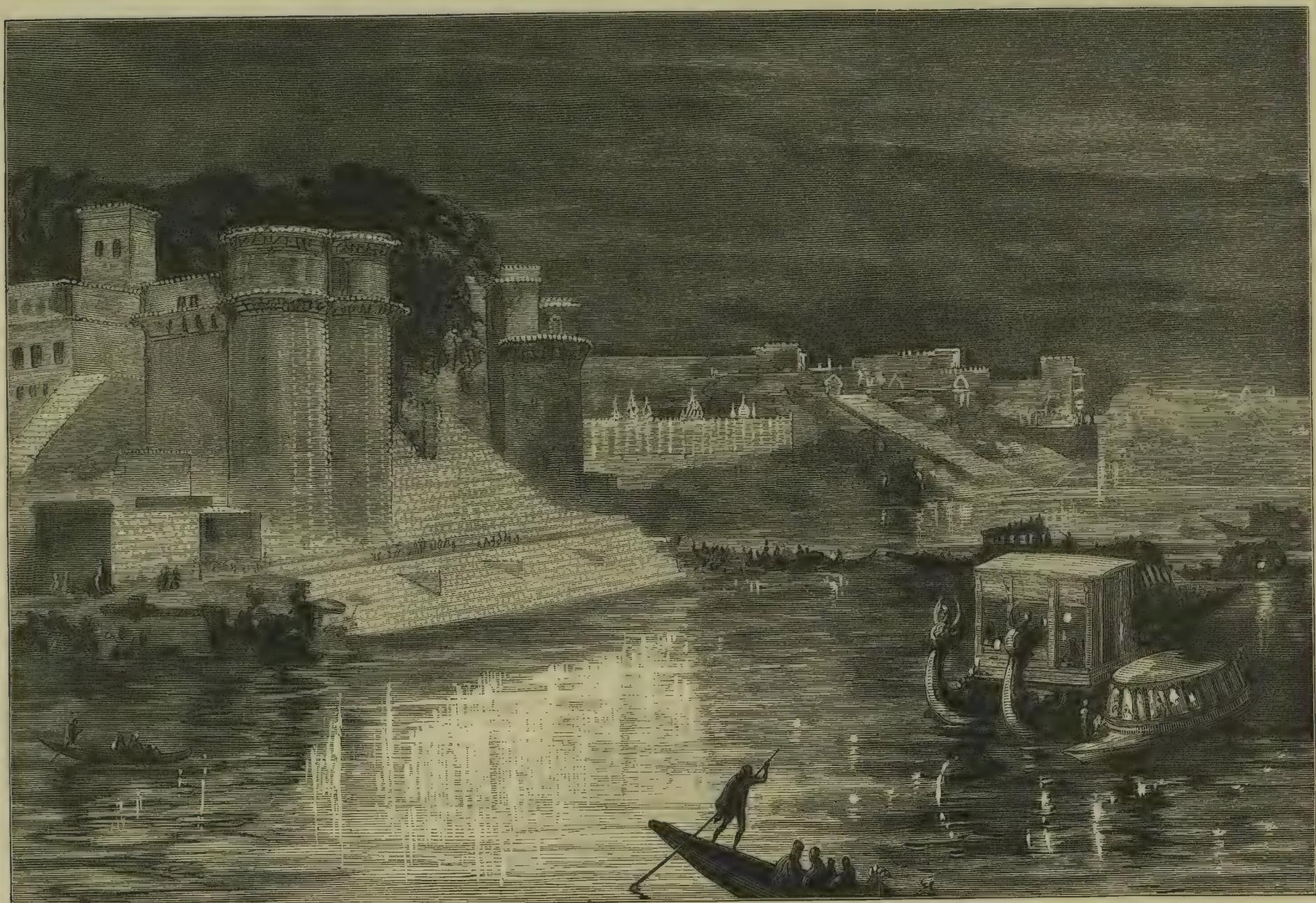
On Monday there was a large house, being the concluding performance of "Romeo and Juliet," which the public have learned greatly to appreciate. On Tuesday "As You Like It" was produced—Miss Neilson, of course, personating Rosalind. Since Miss Faustina appeared in the character we cannot remember a more charming representation of the part or of the play. Of the Rosalind the American writers speak in boundless admiration. According to them, the impersonation is a matchless picture of art. The sweetest, most womanly tenderness and dignity are its attributes. Her wit is swift and keen, yet she is as rich in gentleness as in wit. "She is a man and woman together. Her pretty coquetry would disclose her sex, were it not for her assumption of manhood." The fact is, that eulogy cannot be carried further than our Transatlantic cousins carry it. They cease to be critics; they are exclusively admirers. Well, their extravagance is justified by the real excellence of the performance, which is enchanting. The cast of the present representation is most satisfactory. The Jaques of Mr. Charles Harcourt is especially meritorious. It is a close copy of the Kemble school. The great speeches are all acted as well as spoken. The Adam of Mr. Howe is inimitable; the Celia of Miss Carlisle abounds in nature and pathos, and the Audrey of Miss Minnie Walton merits any amount of praise. Touchstone, by Mr. Everill, was always excellent. Mr. Buckstone also contributes to the good humour of the audience by sustaining the little part of William, Touchstone's rival in the affections of the "country wench." Altogether, this reproduction is admirable.

We have to record the death of Mr. George Vincent, the well-known actor. After running the usual course of provincial probation, Mr. G. Vincent appeared at the Surrey and other theatres, and made his first entry on the Olympic stage under the management of Messrs. Robson and Emden, in October, 1862, when he performed the part of Sir Arthur Lassell in "All that Glitters is Not Gold." For some time Mr. Vincent was in failing health, and his last engagement was at the Holborn Theatre, under Mr. Horace Wigan's management, which terminated only a few weeks ago.

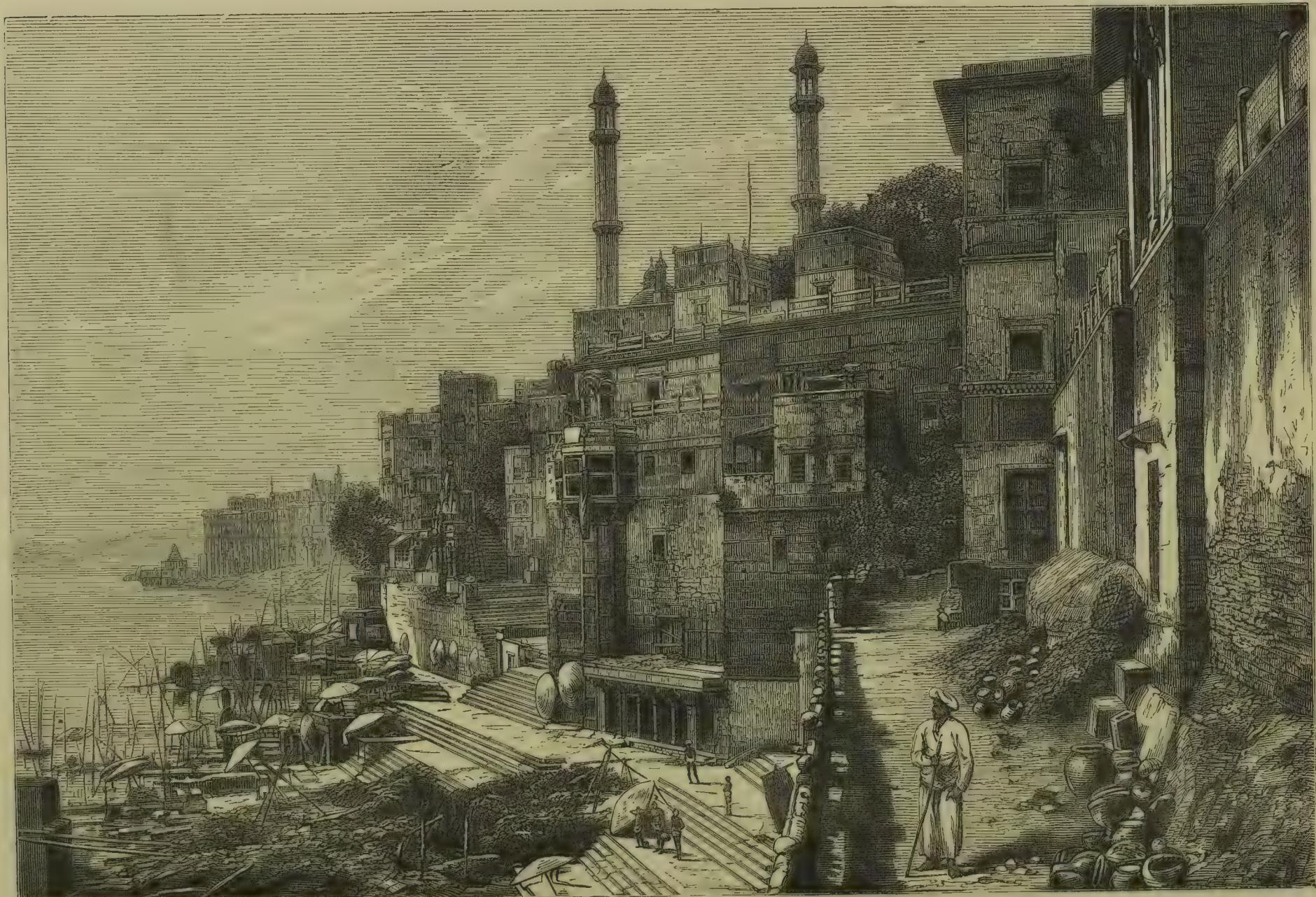
During the past two months 1241 widows, orphans, and aged parents (including 820 widows who receive a small grant annually), and 686 shipwrecked persons, have been relieved by the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society at a cost of £5423 12s. 7d.

The General Post Office announces that the sender of a telegraphic message can obtain a receipt for it at the telegraph-office at which the message is handed in upon payment of a fee of twopence. The receipt will state the number of the message, the office of destination, and the charge paid.

Lord Houghton presided on Monday evening at a meeting in York in support of the bill for conferring the suffrage upon women householders. His Lordship contended that there was nothing in the laws, the customs, or the constitution of England which justified the distinction drawn between male and female in respect of the exercise of the franchise.



ILLUMINATIONS AT BENARES IN HONOUR OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.
FROM A SKETCH BY ONE OF OUR SPECIAL ARTISTS.



GHAUT AT BENARES.



GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STAR OF INDIA AT CALCUTTA: THE PRINCE OF WALES INVESTING THE MAHARAJAH OF JODHPORE WITH THE ORDER.

FROM A SKETCH BY ONE OF OUR SPECIAL ARTISTS.

OUR SKETCHES FROM INDIA.

Our Illustrations published this week, from sketches by our special Artists, of the tour of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in India, relate chiefly to the proceedings at Calcutta. The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Star of India, held by his Royal Highness, as representative of her Majesty the Queen, and the investiture of some native Indian Princes with that order, are the subjects of the large Engraving for our Extra Supplement, and of the front-page Engraving in this week's Number. The attendance of his Royal Highness, with Lord Northbrook, the Viceroy, at the Christmas Day service of public worship in Calcutta Cathedral, is the scene presented in another sketch by our Special Artist; with which we also give an exterior view of that sacred edifice. The Maharajah of Jodhpore, the Begum or female Sovereign of Bhopal, and other native personages of high rank, who were conspicuous at the grand ceremonial of the Star of India, are separately portrayed in the attire they wore upon that occasion. The festive illuminations of Calcutta at night, to greet the arrival of the Prince of Wales, and those likewise which were displayed at Benares when he visited that city, have employed the pencils of our artist-correspondents. Another view is given of the quaint-looking river-side architecture of Benares, its ghauts or quays with their broad terrace-steps, and the picturesque masses of building there; with a specimen of the figures and costume of a well-known class amongst the native people.

The scene at the Grand Chapter of the Star of India was at once gorgeous and stately. We borrow the *Times'* correspondent's description of it:—"The general arrangements were similar to those when the Duke of Edinburgh held the first Grand Chapter. A vast inclosure of canvas was prepared, running south-east and north-west on an open plain about a mile from Government House. The Rajahs' tents were ranged on the long side of a parallelogram opening on the inclosure at one end, on the Maidan on the other. At the north-eastern extremity of the inclosure was a dais, with silver pillars and a canopy of blue silk and satin, the colour of the order. On the dais were two chairs. The one for the Viceroy was of silver and blue, with a crown behind, and golden lions at the side. The footstool was the same, with golden lions. On the right of the Viceroy was a similar chair, with the Prince of Wales's plumes at the back and silver arms, with a footstool of blue and silver. Before the dais were a scarlet carpet and a cloth-of-gold tent, carpeted with scarlet and the Royal arms in the centre. Behind the dais and on each side rows of seats were arranged. The front rows were for members of the order. Behind these were eight compartments for native chiefs, European ladies, and gentlemen. Outside the chapter-tent, which is used by the Viceroy for Durbars, were seats rising in tiers. At the approach to the grand entrance were lines of marines and sailors. On the left, looking towards the tent, were drawn up in infantry in light order as a guard of honour. A large flagstaff with the Union Jack stood in front, where a military band was placed. Natives and Europeans had assembled, not only from Bengal, but from many other parts of India. The Rajahs had numerous retainers, and the cortége sometimes combined incongruously Asiatic and English equipments. As the procession entered the Durbar tent the servitors ranged themselves right and left at the entrance, the Companions taking their seats next. A great effect was produced by the splendour of uniforms and costumes.



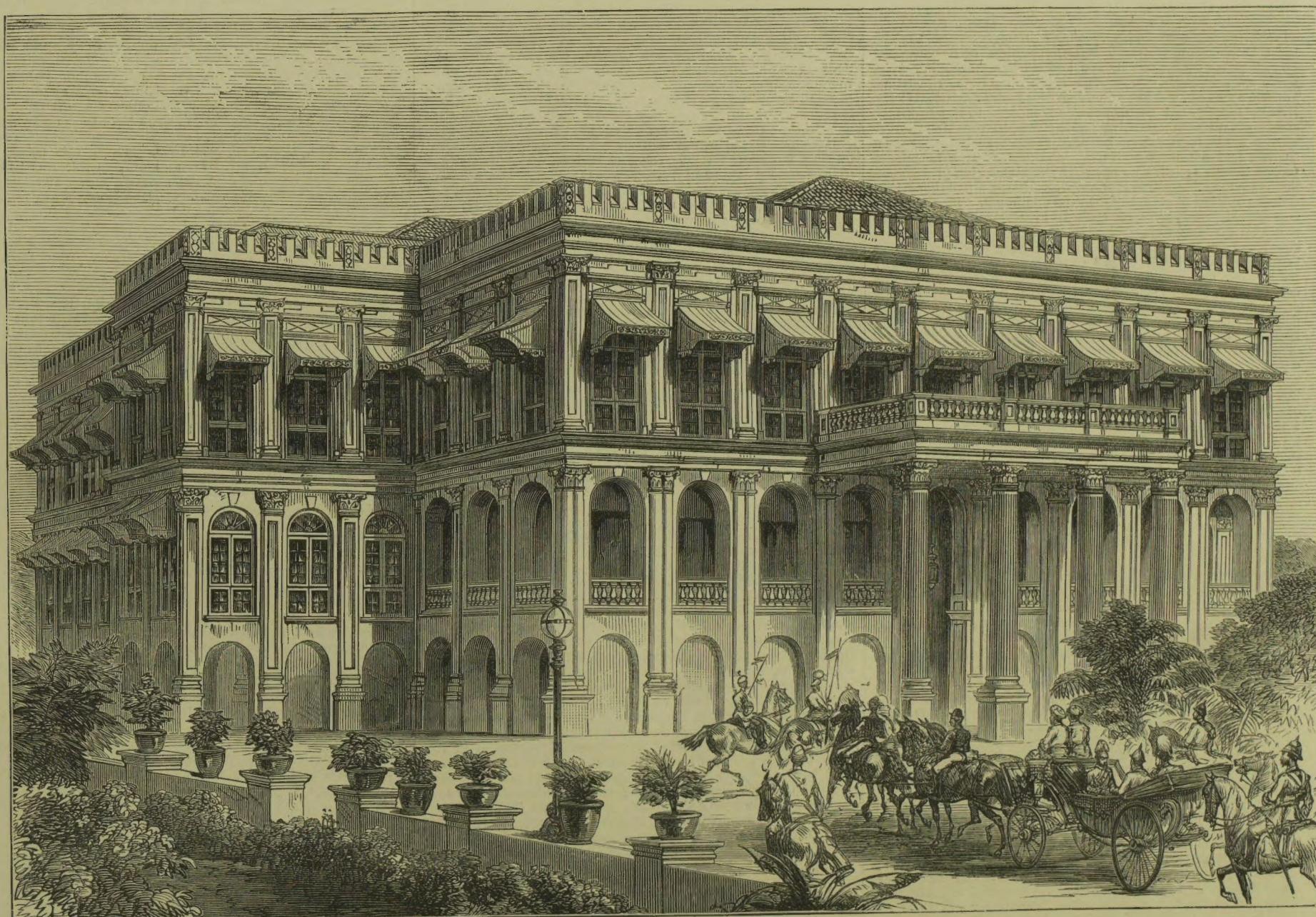
RAJAH HARENDRÀ KRISHNA.

"The procession of the first Knight Grand Commander entered. Colonel Osborne, the political officer, preceded it with eight Sirdars in much splendour of brocade and jewelled turbans. Then came a solitary native officer, bearing quaint devices on a silken banner, which announced the Begum of Bhopal. Her small figure was almost swathed in stuffs of many colours, over which was an ample light-blue satin robe, with white shoulder-knots of the order, attended by two native pages in very handsome dresses with bare feet. The face of the principal figure was thickly veiled; but the ladies on the rows of seats whispered that she never veiled until lately. The Begum now sat down in the front row, and never uncovered her face. A lady, said to be her daughter, and the Sirdars sat behind her. The banner was suspended over her seat. Close behind the pages of the Begum came the Political Agent, Mr. Trevor, leading the procession of Salar Jung. Eight Sirdars marched in, Mohammedan nobles, dressed in a striking arrangement of colours and fashion. The banner-bearers were tall

and of stately presence. Sir Salar wore a small white turban, quite plain; his train was borne by two pretty, bright-eyed pages, dressed in green and gold. The Nizam's Minister was followed by the Maharajah of Puttiala. His procession of eight attendants was preceded by a political officer, followed by a banner. The Maharajah wore £100,000 worth of the Empress Eugenie's diamonds on his white turban, and the great Sancy diamond as a pendant. These were supplemented by emeralds, pearls, and rubies on his neck and breast. He sat next the Begum, but apparently had no talk for her Highness. Lord Napier of Magdala came next, attended by General Hume, Captain the Hon. R. W. Napier, Surgeon-Major Bradshaw, Lieutenant-Colonel R. Davidson, Lieutenant-Colonel H. Moore, and one native major, Lidayat Ali. The train was borne by two midshipmen. As he took his seat next Salar Jung, he courteously saluted him and the veiled Begum of Bhopal and Maharajah of Puttiala opposite.

"The Maharajah of Travancore came next, in Oriental garb. Among his attendants was his Dewan, Sashia Sastry, with Sir Madhava Rao. Preceded by naval officers Mann, Hammet, Gough, Mansell, Mangles, Forbes, Drummond, and Burrowes, appeared Sir Bartle Frere, his train held by two midshipmen. He was followed by the Maharajah of Rewah, whose procession, led by Major Bannermann, consisted of eight Sirdars. They were covered with jewels. One especially wore a most striking chain of armour, arabesqued breast and back pieces, jewelled casque and plume of gold, and enamelled gauntlets. Rewah's face was covered with a saffron-coloured pigment, which hid all traces of skin complaints. He wore a head-piece like a crown; the gold, exquisitely worked, was blazing with gems. He sat next the Rajah of Travancore. The Maharajah of Jeypore's procession included eight Thakors, headed by Colonel Benyon, and native pages, with caps, doublets, and trunk-hose of light-blue satin, which contrasted with their dark faces. Next came the Maharajah Holkar's procession. That burly gentleman looked like an Indian Henry VIII., in his robes. His pages were in Vandyke brown and gold. Then came the Maharajah of Cashmere, with Major Jenkins in front. There were eight most resplendent warriors and courtiers finely shawled and jewelled, but they were utterly eclipsed by the magnificent Maharajah and his train, carried by pages in green velvet tunics and pink turbans. In the last, Maharajah Scindia's procession, Colonel Hutchinson was at the head. Eight courtiers preceded the gorgeous Chief of Gwalior. He sat next Holkar, who scarcely turned his head. But brilliant as Scindia was, the European company noticed him comparatively little, for the procession of the Prince was advancing in two lines.

"The Prince was in field-marshal's uniform, with a white helmet and plume. His train was carried by Messrs. Grimston and Walshe, naval cadets, in cavalier hats and cloaks, tunics, trunk hose, and rosetted shoes, all of blue satin. They wore cavalier wigs. The Prince took his seat on the dais, the band playing 'God Save the Queen,' and all standing. The pageant was very imposing, the drooping banners were a blaze of colours. The Viceroy ordered the Secretary to read the roll of the order. Mr. C. U. Aitchison did so in a loud clear voice. Each member bowed and sat down as his name was called. The Chapter was then declared open by the Secretary, who reported the business to be the investiture of the persons named, and read a warrant from the Queen, dated Balmoral, Oct. 25, directing the Prince to invest them. The Viceroy and



VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES TO SANS SOUCI, BOMBAY.
FROM A SKETCH BY ONE OF OUR SPECIAL ARTISTS.

the members of the order rose, bowed to the Prince, and sat down. The Prince returned the salutation, and received from the Secretary grants of dignities, which were handed to a page. He directed the investiture to proceed. One account must do for all.

"The Maharajah of Jodhpore was first conducted from the tent to the presence of the Prince by Mr. C. U. Aitchison, who held him firmly by the hand, and indicated when he was to bow, kneel, walk backwards, and sit down. He was met at the entrance of the tent by two junior Knights, the Under Secretary bearing the insignia on a blue satin and velvet cushion, two junior Knights, the Maharajah, and an attendant. The Guard presented arms. After the Queen's grant was read by Secretary Aitchison, the Maharajah was led aside, and, having been decorated with a Knight's ribbon, badge, star, and robes, returned and stood before the dais. He made two obeisances, and knelt while the Prince was placing the collar of the order round his neck, and admonished him in the prescribed form. Seventeen guns were fired. The Maharajah of Jodhpore then rose, instructed by Secretary Aitchison, who led him backwards, bowing with his face to the dais, towards the seat. There his banner was unfurled to a flourish of trumpets. The Secretary proclaimed the titles of the newly-made Knight Grand Commander, and all resumed their seats.

"Next came the Rajah of Jheend, to be invested in a similar manner. The Knights Commanders' investiture followed. Robinson, Maharajah Panna, Rajah Mahun Kasee (Holkar's brother), Ramsay, Rannodeep (Nepalese General), Gunput Rao, and Faiz Ali Khan. Rose and Ramsay, after investiture, were knighted. Next came Chapman, Bullen, Smith, Degumber, and Mitter, who received badges of the third class of the order. There was no more business. The Prince then desired the Chapter to be closed. The procession leaving was led by the Prince and his suite. The Viceroy's Guard and the Knight Commanders and Companions followed in reverse order of their entry, so that from the durbar tent seemed to flow an array of banners, plumes, and dazzling colours the like of which was not seen even at the coronation of the King of Hungary. Nowhere else could be seen such a combination of Asiatic costumes."

Our principal Illustration of this grand ceremonial, in the Extra Supplement large Engraving, represents the Prince of Wales seated in full state, with the Viceroy of India by his side, performing the act of investing one of the native Princes, the Maharajah of Jodhpore, with the collar and badge of the Star of India. In the Engraving on our front page, Mr. Simpson has drawn the Prince walking from his own tent to the Grand Chapter Tent, underneath which his throne of state was placed. The standard-bearer walks a few paces before his Royal Highness, whose robe-train is borne by a couple of youths, attired in the costume of pages at the Court of Charles II. Mr. Simpson was present in November, 1861, at the first investiture of the Star of India, held by Lord Canning at Allahabad. Lord Canning, then Governor-General, and Sir Hugh Rose, now Lord Strathnairn, were the only Knights of the Order at that Grand Chapter. The robes or mantles were not then worn, as the degree of Grand Commander, to which they belong, had not been created. The native personages who received the decorations of the Order upon that occasion were the late Maharajah of Puttiala, father of the present Maharajah, the late Begum of Bhopal, and two others. There was, in October, 1861, nothing like the splendour of the pageant exhibited last New Year's Day at Calcutta, under the presidency of his Royal Highness, the eldest son and heir to the Empress of Hindostan. The groups of figures sketched by Mr. Simpson, for the engravings on a page of this supplement, represent the costume and attendance of two or three of the native Princes, as they appeared at the grand chapter. The Maharajah of Jodhpore, G.C.S.I., is a Rajpoot chief of the highest dignity. His territory, properly called Marwar, is situated in Western India, north of Oudeypore and Baroda, towards the Runn of Cutch and the borders of Scinde. Its extent is about 330 miles by 150, and it has a population much below two millions. The Maharajah boasts an illustrious Hindoo ancestry, but has no real power, being tributary to the British Government, as his predecessors were to the Mahratta rulers of Western India, and previously to the Mogul. He wore a spreading petticoat of pink satin, a jacket with open sleeves, and a tall plumed cap. Another great personage, a female closely veiled, who sits next the Maharajah of Puttiala in our second Illustration of these procession groups, is her Highness the Begum or reigning Princess of Bhopal. That country is a vassal principality of Malwa, in Central India, north of the River Nerabudda, and adjacent to the Mahratta States, ruled by Scindia and Holkar. The reigning family of Bhopal is Mohammedan and of Afghan race, with the title of Nawab; but during the last half century the widow of a Nawab has more than once been permitted to succeed, and the inheritance of the last Nawab passed to an infant daughter. The people nominally under her sway are of mixed race, but chiefly Hindoo, and their number exceeds half a million. We have often spoken of Mohender Singh, the Maharajah of Puttiala, G.C.S.I., the wearer of a splendid jewelled head-dress, who is drawn sitting beside the Begum of Bhopal. He had the honour of entertaining the Prince of Wales in his own country one day last week, on his road back from the Punjab to Agra. The province ruled by this important Sikh chieftain, subject to a British protectorate, is in the Sirhind region, to the south of the river Sutlej, a thousand miles from Calcutta. It is fertile and well cultivated, with a population of one million and a half. The late Rajah of Puttiala was a faithful and useful ally of the British Government at the time of the Sepoy War, in 1857 and 1858. His son is noted for courtesy and liberality, and for his friendliness to the English in India. The photograph is by Messrs. Shepherd and Bourne, of Calcutta, to whom we are much indebted for others.

The portrait of Rajah Harendra Krishna, a member of the Bengal Legislative Council, is engraved from a photograph taken at Calcutta. This Bengalee gentleman, who has the rank of Bahadur and Rajah, is the head of the Sobha-bazar family, attached friends of the British interest since the days of Lord Clive. It will be found, in the history of British Indian progress, that both Clive and Warren Hastings repeatedly acknowledged the valuable services of Nava Krishna, who died in 1797. The present Kumar Harendra Krishna, his great-grandson, has been in the Bengal Government service from 1851, and has been commended and promoted. His father, the late Rajah Kali Krishna, was one of the most eminent of Sanscrit scholars. The merits of his literary and historical researches were known in Europe as well as in his own country, and he received gold medals and complimentary letters from many high quarters. He was a corresponding member of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain during thirty years.

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, at Calcutta, where the Prince of Wales attended the performance of Divine worship on Christmas Day, is shown by an exterior view in one of our Illustrations. It is a noble edifice, of brick coated with chunam, to resemble polished white marble. The tower and spire are like those of Norwich Cathedral. It was built, above thirty years ago, at a cost of £50,000, raised mainly by the efforts of the late Bishop Daniel Wilson. The interior, with the congre-

gation at the Christmas Day service, and Bishop Milman in the pulpit, is represented in another Engraving. The two gentlemen seated in the pew directly under the pulpit are the Viceroy (Lord Northbrook) and the Prince of Wales; the lady sitting to the right hand of the Prince is the Hon. Miss Baring, his Excellency's daughter. Near their pew is the Bishop's throne, which of course is empty. In the foreground of this view some Christmas decorations will be observed, which have been placed round the font. Many natives were present, but all wearing European dress.

The illuminations of the city, in honour of the arrival of his Royal Highness at Calcutta, afforded, from different points of view, a spectacle to be greatly admired. But the view preferred by our Artist, and effectively rendered in our Illustration, seems to be one of the best that could have been chosen. It looks westward, from near the Outram statue, along the great fashionable thoroughfare of Chowinghee. This is open to the Esplanade on the left hand, beyond which, in the left hand background, is seen Government House, amidst the surrounding gardens of that noble mansion. The dome of the Post Office appears near that part of the background. The column of the Ochterlony monument, overlooking the Governor's Tank, is in the middle of the open ground, the Maidan. The tower above the houses of the city, looking directly over the tank, is that of the telegraph-office. But the nearer view, that of the Chowinghee road, thronged with carriages and native spectators on foot, is more likely to engage attention. The large building in this road, to the right hand, is the yet unfinished Imperial Museum. A triumphal arch, at the end of Chowinghee, terminates the view along the street. Beyond this lies the greater part of the city. The river is far out of sight, to the left, on the other side of the Esplanade and Fort William.

A view is likewise presented of the illuminations at Benares, on the 5th ult., when his Royal Highness visited that interesting Hindoo city. We have so lately described Benares, that it is not here needful to say much more about it. The Ghauts along the mighty Ganges, whose sacred stream is nowhere regarded with deeper religious veneration, were lighted up that night with a strange radiance of festival fires; and in the quaint piles of buildings that overlook the river, there was ample material for the artist's study had time permitted him to linger over that remarkable scene. As a parting reminiscence of Benares, he has sketched the common incident of an exhibition of "joghi wallahs." These are a class of Hindoo religious mendicants, who appeal to the superstitious reverence and sympathy of the people by stationing themselves in an immovable attitude, or by repeatedly performing some painful gesture, sometimes holding a cumbrous weight in the most tedious and inconvenient manner. They are of both sexes, and display a vast deal of misdirected ingenuity, as well as fortitude, in the variety of their feats of endurance, which are rewarded with abundant gifts of money, food, and other worldly store.

The last subject to be mentioned, among our Illustrations engraved for this Number, is one that belongs to the Prince's sojourn at Bombay. He and his party visited Lady Sassoon at Sans Souci, the mansion of Sir Albert Sassoon, and a view is now given of the scene when his Royal Highness arrived at the villa.

NATIONAL SPORTS.

The acceptances for the spring handicaps, taken as a whole, must be deemed very satisfactory indeed, though the two at head-quarters have by no means pleased owners. Out of the 58 subscribers to the Newmarket Handicap 32 have declared forfeit; while, though no less than 72 were entered for the Newmarket International Free Handicap, there are only 22 left in. The weights in the former have been raised 5 lb., and the hardworking but unlucky Scamp (8 st. 12 lb.) now heads the list. Mate (8 st. 12 lb.), one of the little team with which Mr. Sanford so pluckily crossed the Atlantic, is also left in; while the most prominent of the three-year-olds are Ithona (6 st. 12 lb.) and Julia Peachum (6 st. 12 lb.). Across the Flat is probably Thunder's very best course, and his 9 st. 5 lb. has not frightened Mr. Vyner out of the International Free Handicap. Lord Gowran (8 st. 10 lb.), who showed such wonderfully improved form at the end of last season, is also left in, as are Lacy (7 st. 9 lb.), Rostrevor (7 st. 2 lb.), and Advance (6 st. 10 lb.), for the last-named of whom Mr. Gomm and a few of his persistent followers have a sneaking fancy for the Derby. Admiral Rous has been far more fortunate at Epsom than at Newmarket, and the generally-expressed opinion of the excellence of the handicap for the City and Suburban has been strikingly confirmed, as, of the 124 subscribers, only 41 are non-contents. Lowlander (9 st. 10 lb.) and Thunder (9 st. 4 lb.) will have an opportunity of discounting their forthcoming match, and the fact that Kaiser (8 st. 10 lb.) has accepted for this race, and also for the Chester Cup, will be very consolatory to those who have backed him for the Lincolnshire Handicap, for his owner would scarcely have incurred further liabilities with him, had it been intended to exile him to the Cape within the next few weeks. The two Americans—Mate (8 st. 3 lb.) and Bay Final (7 st. 10 lb.)—are both left in; while Lady Mostyn (6 st. 9 lb.), Father Claret (6 st. 6 lb.), Charon (6 st. 6 lb.), Hesper (6 st. 6 lb.), Grassendale (6 st. 6 lb.), Brigg Boy (6 st. 5 lb.), Mousquetaire (6 st. 2 lb.), Ventnor (6 st. 2 lb.), Roehampton (5 st. 12 lb.), and Merry Duchess (5 st. 10 lb.), are a formidable array of three-year-olds. The Great Metropolitan has been almost as successful as the City and Suburban, for only 18 of the 51 entries have paid forfeit. Louise Victoria (9 st. 4 lb.) and Talisman (9 st. 2 lb.) having retired, the weights have been raised 2 lb., and Freeman (8 st. 12 lb.) now occupies the post of honour at the top of the list. Thunder (9 st. 5 lb.) heads the 33 that remain in the Prince of Wales's Stakes—there were originally 67 subscribers—and the most noticeable of the "contented" three-year-olds are Lizzie Distin (7 st.), and Mr. Sanford's Derby colt, Bay Eagle (6 st. 10 lb.). The Chester Cup also bids fair to prove a great success this year, for only 36 of the 101 entries have "pegged out." Fraulein (9 st. 2 lb.) is by no means out of the fray if she can stand another preparation, which seems somewhat doubtful; and, in his best form, Kaiser (8 st. 2 lb.) at length has a capital chance given him. This is the only race for which Munden (8 st.) has accepted; and the same remark applies to John Day (6 st. 2 lb.), so we doubt if the glowing accounts of the marvellous improvement in the latter must be fully believed. Organist (7 st. 9 lb.) and Pageant (7 st. 9 lb.) are never likely to be better treated; nor is Clonave (7 st. 2 lb.), a versatile performer, who seems equally at home on the flat, over hurdles, or "between the flags."

Turning to steeplechasing, there is every promise of a brilliant Grand National, as 56 have accepted out of 77. Disturbance (12 st. 7 lb.) is "not himself at all," if we may judge by his last effort, and has probably been left in to keep down the weights for some more favoured stable companion. Master Mowbray (11 st. 11 lb.) would probably prefer a course shorter by some two miles; but if Chandos (11 st. 7 lb.) can only cross a country in the same style in which he tops hurdles, there will be very few left with him at the finish. Captain Machell's other representatives, Oxonian (11 st. 4 lb.) and Regal (11 st. 3 lb.),

are also left in; and Mr. Baltazzi, in addition to the top-weights, has Jackal (11 st.), who has so long been expected to win a great race. Pathfinder (11 st.), who won this race last year, will also have the chance of emulating the achievements of The Lamb and The Colonel. The French pair, La Veine (11 st. 11 lb.) and Coureuse de Nuit (11 st. 9 lb.), are the most prominent of the non-contents; and it must be admitted that they were not particularly well treated. The United Kingdom Steeplechase at Croydon has not been nearly so fortunate as the Grand National, as, in the first instance, only 46 entries were made, and now there are but 22 remaining. As forfeit was paid for both Master Mowbray (12 st. 7 lb.) and Defence (12 st. 4 lb.), the weights have been raised 7 lb., and Chandos (12 st. 7 lb.) now comes first. Goldfinder (12 st.), the winner of the first great steeplechase at Sandown Park, is second on the list; and Clonave (12 st.) will be able to take a training gallop for the Chester Cup over this course. Oxonian (11 st. 11 lb.) and Regal (11 st. 9 lb.) are also left in.

Mr. Rolleston will succeed Mr. Chaworth Musters in the mastership of the South Notts Hunt. Mr. Crowder, of Ashbourne, has been elected Master of the Southwold Hunt.

Coursers have suffered more than usual this season from frost, so it was quite a relief to find that the last of the Ridgway Club meetings for the season of 1875-6 could be brought off at the time originally appointed. The weather on all three days was delightful, hares were plentiful, and Mr. Hedley judged in his usual faultless style. Luff's slipping was very poor on the last day; but this is fully accounted for by the fact of his being very lame from the effects of an old sprain, and it is to be hoped that he will have quite recovered before he officiates in the Waterloo Cup. The Earl of Haddington had no less than six representatives in the North and South Lancashire Stakes. Four of them were left in the last ten, and eventually his Lordship's Happy Thought, by Cashier—Halloween, divided with Mr. Brocklebank's Bride, by Liberty—Blush. Mr. Brocklebank also divided the Clifton Cup, with Brown Stout, by Cavalier—Bacchante, who won all her courses in brilliant style, leading and beating each of her opponents with great ease. Her co-divider, Simon, by Cyclone, from the famous Bab at the Bowster, also possesses great merit, and well deserved her position. There were two other minor stakes. There is little alteration in the betting on the Waterloo Cup. Honeymoon, who is reported to be wonderfully well, is firm at 8 to 1, and Mr. Wooll's nomination has recently been backed for a great deal of money at long prices.

The great international pigeon-shooting meeting at Monaco was brought to a conclusion on Saturday last. For the second year in succession, the Grand Prix du Casino, which is the chief event of the meeting, fell to Captain A. L. Patton, who shot magnificently, killing eleven birds out of twelve. Baron Tschirsky was second, the Marquis de Croix third, and M. L. Pitrat fourth.

Football-players have suffered almost as much as coursing men from frost and snow, and during the last few days they have been making up for lost time, with a vengeance. On Saturday last no less than three matches of the third ties for the Association Challenge Cup were played at Kennington-oval. The Wanderers beat the Sheffield Club by two goals to none; the Old Etonians beat the Clapham Rovers, after a close game, by one goal to none; and, though as much as 3 to 1 was laid on the Royal Engineers, the present holders of the cup, the Swifts beat them by three goals to one. On Monday Oxford met Cambridge, and as the latter team was very weak, the Dark Blues had matters all their own way, and won by four goals to none. Only four teams—the Wanderers, Swifts, Old Etonians, and Oxford University—are now left in to contend for the Cup. North v. South was played at Whalley Range, Manchester, in the presence of several thousands of spectators, on Saturday last, and, after very hard fighting for an hour and a half, the North just won by a try and a touch-down against two touch-downs.

Though no important billiard-match for money has been played since Taylor met Alfred Bennett on a championship table, several very interesting entertainment games have taken place, and the champion and W. Cook have been making some of the long breaks which were so common last season. In four games of 600, 1000, 500, and 1000, Roberts won three, and made breaks of 125, 357, 324, and 457. Cook was also in splendid form, his chief contributions being 248, 198, 362 (113 "spots"), and 208. He also beat Roberts easily at pyramids, winning six games to two.

Edward Payson Weston, who was recently defeated in a walking-match of 500 miles in America by O'Leary, is now in London, and on Tuesday next will attempt to walk 115 miles in twenty-four hours at the Agricultural Hall, starting at nine o'clock in the evening. W. Perkins, the champion walker of England, has agreed to walk against him, the winner to receive a handsome silver cup. We regret to learn that there is some little doubt whether the proposed international matches between O'Leary and Perkins will not fall through, as there is a difficulty in finding the money for the latter. We hope matters may be satisfactorily arranged, as, without the least wish to underrate the American's powers, there is no doubt that the athletic reputation of the old country may safely be intrusted to Perkins, who is unquestionably the fastest walker ever seen in England.

Mr. J. Favière Elrington, Q.C., LL.D., has been appointed to the Chairmanship of the County of Westmeath. He is senior Crown Prosecutor for Armagh, a Bencher, and a Queen's Advocate.

At a meeting of the Birmingham School Board, last week, it was reported that the cost of an election to a vacant seat in that body was £1053, considerably less than on any previous occasion.—The Sheffield School Board has decided upon an elaborate scheme for giving instruction in practical cookery in its schools, and have engaged a Sheffield lady to enter the National School of Cookery at South Kensington, to qualify her for giving such instruction.

Messrs. Robert Napier and Sons, of Glasgow, launched from their building-yard, yesterday week, a composite gun-boat, named the Wild Swan, for the British Government. She is designed for service in the Indian and Chinese seas; is of 1020 tns burden, 10 ft. in length by 36 ft. in breadth, and is rigged as a three-masted schooner. A sister vessel, to be called the Penguin, is in progress in Messrs. Napier's yard, and will be launched in a few weeks.

Mr. Stansfeld addressed his constituents on Monday night, and, after reviewing what had been done by the Conservatives since they had come into office, he entered upon a consideration of what work was before the Liberal party. The education question was again coming to the front, and he advocated a considerable extension of the school-board system, looking to the ultimate provision of universal compulsory high-class education. As to the Slave Circulars, he had no wish to make out a case against the Government; but he asked the people of England whether they would accept the second circular as the reply of the Cabinet to their indignant demand for the withdrawal of the former one.

OBITUARY OF EMINENT PERSONS.

MARCHIONESS CONYNGHAM.

The Most Hon. Jane, Marchioness Conyngham, died at Folkestone on the 28th ult. Her Ladyship was born Oct. 13, 1798, the second daughter of Field Marshal Henry William, Marquis of Anglesey, K.G., G.C.B., by Caroline Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of George, fourth Earl of Jersey, and was married, April 24, 1824, to Francis Nathaniel, present Marquis Conyngham, K.P., by whom she leaves two sons—George Henry, Earl of Mountcharles, and Lord Francis Nathaniel Conyngham, M.P. for the county of Clare, and four daughters—Lady Jane, Baroness Churchill, Lady Fanny Lambart, Lady Elizabeth Bryan, and Lady Cecilia Brinckman.

SIR F. BERNARD MORLAND.

Sir Francis Bernard Morland, fifth Baronet, of Nettleham, whose death is announced, was born June 7, 1790, the third son of Sir Scrope Bernard, Bart., M.P., Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department, who assumed the additional surname of Morland in right of his wife, Harriett, only child of William Morland, Esq., M.P., of Lee, in the county of Kent. Sir Francis succeeded to the title in 1830, and was descended from the old family of Bernard, of Abingdon, Berks. The baronetcy was conferred, in 1769, on Francis Bernard, Esq., Governor of Massachusetts Bay, at the outbreak of the great American war. Sir Francis was unmarried, and the baronetcy descends to his only surviving brother, Thomas Tyringham Bernard, of Nether Winchendon Priory, Bucks, who represented Aylesbury from April, 1857, to July, 1863. The present Baronet is in his eighty-fifth year.

SIR DAVID DUMBRECK.
Sir David Dumbreck, K.C.B., Retired Inspector-General of Army Hospitals, and Honorary Physician to the Queen, died at Florence on the 24th ult. He was the only son of Thomas Dumbreck, Esq., Collector of Inland Revenue at Glasgow, by Elizabeth Sutherland, his wife, and was born in 1805. Having graduated as M.D. at the University of Edinburgh, he entered the Medical Department of the Army, in which he attained the rank of Inspector-General in 1859. He served in the Crimean War, and received the Crimean medal with four clasps for the Alma, Balaklava, Inkermann, and Sebastopol. He had also the Turkish medal, and was a Knight of the Medjidie. Sir David married, in 1844, Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of George Gibson, Esq., of Leith.

DEAN STANNUS.
The Very Rev. James Stannus, Dean of Ross and Rector of Lisburn, in the county of Antrim, died on the 28th ult., aged eighty-nine. He was second son of Thomas Stannus, Esq., M.P. for Portarlington, by Caroline, his wife, sister of Hans Hamilton, Esq., M.P., of Sheepill, in the county of Dublin. For many years Dean Stannus managed the great Hertford estate in the north of Ireland. He married, April 22, 1816, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Erasmus Dixon Borrowes, Bart., of Gilltown, in the county of Kildare, and had, with three daughters, four sons, of whom the second and fourth are married to the daughters and coheiresses of the late Lord Fitzgerald and Vesey. The third son, Major-General Henry James Stannus, C.B., has gained much distinction in Indian warfare.

MR JOHN FORSTER.
Mr. John Forster died, on Tuesday morning, at his residence Palace-gate House. Mr. Forster's health had been failing for many months. He was born at Newcastle in 1812, and was called to the Bar; but from an early age he devoted himself to literature. He was editor of the *Examiner* for many years, contributed largely to the *Edinburgh Quarterly*, and *Foreign Quarterly Reviews* (of the latter of which he was for several years editor), and for a short time edited the *Daily News*, after Mr. Dickens's retirement from that post. In 1855 Mr. Forster was appointed secretary to the Lunacy Commission, and in 1861 a Commissioner in Lunacy. Mr. Forster's historical and biographical works are numerous and well known. His last work, the first volume of his "Life of Swift," was published only a few weeks ago.

The deaths are also announced of Lieut.-Col. Barnes, R.F.P. (late 91st and St. Helena Regiments), for many years Town Major of the Island of St. Helena, aged 71;—of George Ramsden, Esq., J.P. and D.L., W.R., Yorkshire;—of Major-Gen. Henry Joshua Margary, R.N. (father of Mr. A. R. Margary, who was murdered in China), from paralysis resulting from excessive grief;—of Thomas Sydney Smith, Esq., late Advocate General at Madras;—of Thomas Mure Mure, Esq., Advocate, younger, of Pierceton, Ayrshire, killed in the railway accident at Abbots Ripton;—of George Augustus Frederick Elphinstone Dalrymple, formerly Colonial Secretary of Queensland, youngest son of the late Sir Robert Dalrymple Horn-Elphinstone, Bart., of Logie Elphinstone;—of John Henry Barker, Esq., of East Lodge, late police magistrate at Clerkenwell;—of Viscount Melville, at Melville Castle, near Edinburgh, in his seventy-fifth year;—of Sir William Jackson, Bart., of the Manor House, Birkenhead, at the age of seventy-one;—of Mr. William Hodgson Barrow, who for many years represented in the House of Commons the Southern Division of Nottinghamshire, in his ninety-second year;—of the Rev. Dr. Jabez Burns, of Paddington, a Baptist minister, a voluminous writer upon religious and social topics, and a stanch advocate of total abstinence principles, at the age of seventy.

By an accidental error, which was corrected in the greater part of our impression last week, Mr. Herbert Noble, one of the passengers killed in the Great Northern Railway accident, was mentioned as a son of "the late Mr. Matthew Noble, sculptor." The father, greatly afflicted by this bereavement, which follows the loss of another son not very long ago, still lives in the active exercise of his profession. He has two sons living.

According to the quarterly report of the Registrar-General, the returns of marriages, so far as these had been made up, showed that the population was in an average state of prosperity. In some of the agricultural counties marriages have declined below their previous low standard, but no such decline is observable in the manufacturing districts. The birth-rate of the last quarter of 1875 is above, and the death-rate is below, the average. Bitterly cold weather prevailed for nearly four weeks of November and December. The days were gloomy; snow fell all over the country. The rain-fall was above the average. The price of food was higher, of fuel lower, than in the corresponding quarter of 1874. Pauperism is still declining. The ruling epidemic disease is scarlet fever, since last year declining to some extent, but yet to be watched and guarded against. Smallpox is less fatal than it has been.

CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications relating to this department of the Paper should be addressed to the Editor, and have the word "Chess" written on the envelope.

W C CUTLER.—In the solution of Problem No. 1663, 1. Q to Kt 5th was a palpable misprint for 1. Q to Q 5th. In the subvariation, where the Knight is played to B 6th, if Black move the King to Q 5th the Queen of course mates at Q R 6th. The problem cannot be solved as you propose, by 1. Q to Q 7th. In Problem No. 1662, if Black play 2. B takes B, White mates by Kt to B 6th (dis. ch.).

L VALLET.—You can have as many Queens on the board at once as you can advance Pawns to the eighth square.

WHITE HART.—Q to Kt 5th was obviously a misprint for Q to Q 5th. In problem No. 1664, if Black play 1. P queens, White mates by Kt to B 6th (ch) and P to Kt 4th.

J WYSE.—If you will look again at this position you will see that the Knight was required in the author's solution.

NOVICE.—Read Q Kt 5th for Kt 5th, and all becomes plain sailing.

LUCIO DE MALAGA.—All the solutions are correct.

AURELIO ABELA.—Many thanks for the problem, which shall have early examination. In future be so kind as to describe positions on diagrams.

H SCHLEUNER.—The problem shall have every attention.

ADA and KATE, XVI L.—See our notice respecting the problem in our last.

F S WALKER.—Accept our best thanks for your courteous attention. We shall always be glad of similar information.

G C BAXTER.—There was no problem inclosed with your letter, as you state.

H J P.—The problem forwarded is certainly not original. We are quite familiar with it.

W LUCAS.—The book is advertised as out, but we have not seen a copy of it. Why not write to the publishers?

W CARTER.—We have received several of the match games between Messrs. Bird and Mason, and shall publish a specimen or two next week. From what we have seen of them, however, the majority are by no means up to Mr. Bird's best form.

J J C and NESTOR.—The one match you refer to was always hopelessly moribund; the other is still mooted, and may possibly take place during the spring.

A O L.—The late Mr. Staunton's age was, we believe, sixty-four.

LEO KUBE.—Get "Chess Theory and Practice," by the late Howard Staunton, published by Virtue and Co.

C F FINCH.—Your three-mover, unfortunately, admits of a second solution in one variation. If Black plays 1. B takes P, White can reply with 2. R to K 2nd as well as Q to Kt sq. Can you remedy this?

PROBLEM No. 1666.—Correct solutions received from Rollo, Ben Rydding, G C Baxter, E W Fry, D Millar, Walkden, H Schleusner, W M Curtis, Leo Kubo, I S T, John Schooling, Pendry Hall, E Ridgway, Emile F. Minto Elliot, Lobs, East Marden, Myth, G H V, E H H V, N B S H, H Ree, Barrow Hedges, Borsig, E W Martin, Owl, Woolwich Chess Club, Thorpe, J Baily, XVI L, H W, J Dale, Maria Teresa, Wew Pawn, R W S, J Preston, W H Singleton, Du Chamir, Benet, Letta, F R H W, A G Mullins, Nux, Alice Way, Ada and Kate. Those by J F, Ravencroft, Wigmore-street, Wood-green, U, E Flood, and H G R are wrong.

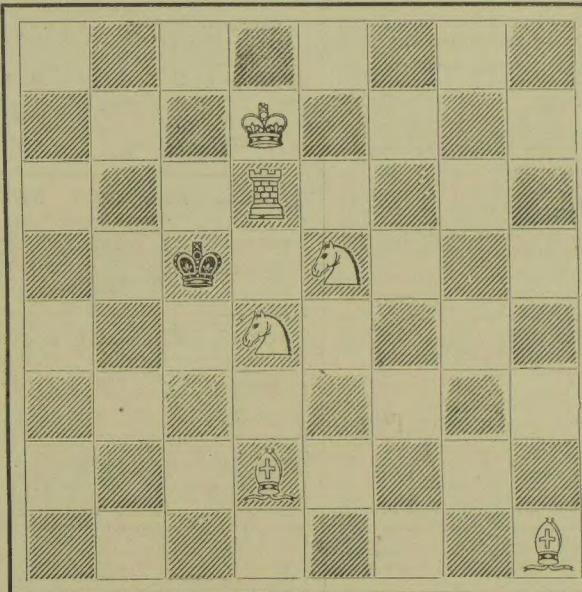
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 1666.

WHITE. 1. Kt to Q Kt 7th. BLACK. Anything
2. Kt or B mates accordingly.

PROBLEM No. 1668.

By Mr. G. H. GWYN.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play, and mate in three moves.

CHESS AT NOTTINGHAM.

The following is one of twelve simultaneous Games played at the recent annual meeting of the Nottingham Chess Club, by Mr. ZUKERTORT, without seeing either boards or men. Mr. Zukertort's opponent on this occasion was Mr. ALDAM, of Nottingham.—(King's Knight's Gambit.)

WHITE (Mr. Z.) BLACK (Mr. A.) WHITE (Mr. Z.) BLACK (Mr. A.)
1. P to K 4th P to K 4th 18. P takes Kt P takes Kt
2. P to K B 4th P takes P 19. P takes P Kt to K B 4th
3. Kt to K B 3rd P to K Kt 4th His best reply. Had he retired the Knight to K B 2nd White would have finished off the game in a few moves, e.g.:—
4. B to Q 4th B to K Kt 2nd
5. P to Q 4th P to Q 3rd 19. P to Kt 6th Kt to B 2nd
6. P to K R 4th P to Kt 5th 20. P takes Kt P takes P
A hasty move, which subjects him to a strong attack, besides sacrificing the Gambit Pawn. He ought, of course, to have played 6. P to K B 3rd.
7. Kt to K Kt 5th Kt to K R 3rd 21. Kt takes B K takes Kt
8. Q B takes P Castles Had he ventured 8. P to K B 3rd, White could have castled, with a winning position.
9. Kt to Q B 3rd P to Q B 3rd 22. P to Kt 6th P takes Kt
10. Q to Q 2nd Q to Q 2nd 23. B to R 6th (ch) K to Kt sq
This is an unprofitable move. We should have preferred 10. P to Q Kt 4th or 10. Kt to Q 2nd.
11. Castles (Q R) P to Q Kt 4th 24. B takes R R takes B
12. B to Q Kt 3rd Kt to Q 2nd 25. R to R 6th Q to K 2nd
13. Q R to K B sq Kt to Kt 3rd 26. Q to K R sq P to K Kt 4th
14. Kt to K 2nd P to Q R 4th 27. P to Q 5th P to Q B 4th
15. P to Q 3rd Kt to Q 5th 28. Q to Q B 3rd, and Black resigned.
16. B takes Kt P takes B Resignation under such circumstances was the best part of valour, the position being hopelessly lost. Had he essayed to defend himself by 28. Q to Kt 2nd, White would have won easily and surely.
17. Kt to K Kt 3rd P to K B 3rd 29. R to R 6th (ch) K to B 2nd
18. Kt to K R 5th Well played. White is assured of 30. Q takes Q (ch) K takes Q
regaining his piece in a move or two. 31. R takes R K takes R
32. R to B sq, &c.

CHESS INTELLIGENCE.

NOTTINGHAM CHESS CLUB.—The annual meeting of this flourishing club was held on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 19 and 20, and, as usual, proved a most successful affair. Players from a distance were not so numerous as usual, but among the visitors were Mr. Zukertort, and representatives from Derby, Croydon, Grantham, Burton, &c. On Wednesday evening Mr. Zukertort engaged twelve of the strongest players of the town and district simultaneously without seeing either boards or men, and accomplished the creditable feat of winning eleven of the games and drawing the twelfth, Mr. F. G. Rowe being the fortunate individual who escaped with a *remise*. The annual supper took place on the following evening, when upwards of sixty members and friends sat down, the chair being taken by Mr. Saul Isaac, one of the members for the borough, who was supported by Mr. Zukertort, Mr. Alderman Ward, Mr. S. Hamel, the president, Mr. Hugh Brown, Mr. F. Thomson, &c. The toast of the evening, "Success to the Nottingham Chess Club," was proposed by Mr. Hamel, who took the opportunity to congratulate the members on the increasing prosperity of the club, which, he said, bade fair to be as strong in chess as any provincial club in the country. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

CITY OF LONDON CHESS CLUB.—Nothing daunted by the secession of an insignificant section of its members, we are happy to hear that the committee of this club are making active arrangements for the coming season, and with this view have taken two large and handsomely furnished rooms on the first and second floors of the Grand Café Restaurant de Paris, 74, Ludgate-hill, whither the club will shortly remove. The annual general meeting will be held at the new club-rooms on Feb. 16, when the date of the club dinner will be fixed. We wish the club every success in its new quarters, where the meetings will be held, as heretofore, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

WEST-END CHESS CLUB.—On Saturday, Jan. 22, Mr. Blackburne played a series of eight simultaneous games at this club, without sight of boards or men, and succeeded in winning them all. Mr. Blackburne's opponents were Major Martin, the Rev. Mr. Waltham, the Rev. A. C. Pearson, Mr. W. Donisthorpe, Mr. W. E. Blunt, Mr. Auger, Mr. E. H. Rogerson, Mr. A. Parry.

CHESS IN NORTH LONDON.—The Athenaeum Chess Club, Camden-road, have recently won three matches in succession. The first, on the 15th ult., against the St. James's Institute, Eden-grove, Holloway, scoring six games to two; the second, on the 22nd, against the St. Pancras Institute, Euston-road, scoring eleven games to nine, and one draw; the third, on the 29th, against the well-known "Endeavour Club," from Brixton, score—eight to four and four draws. Other matches are impending for the 5th and 12th, of the present month.

PHILADELPHIA CENTENNIAL CHESS TOURNAMENT.—We have received a circular from Mr. L. D. Barbour, corresponding secretary of the Philadelphia Chess Club, informing us that arrangements have been made for holding a Grand International Chess Congress in the course of this summer, open to players throughout the world. Subscriptions in aid of the undertaking will be received by Mr. Emerson Bennett, at 10, North Merrick-street, West Penn-square, Philadelphia.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will, with two codicils, dated July 1, 1873, and March 18 and Nov. 24, 1875, of Mr. Henry Fortescue, formerly of Beckenham, Kent, and late of No. 75, Eaton-place, Belgrave-square, who died on Dec. 6 last, at No. 24, Waterloo-crescent, Dover, was proved on the 27th ult. by Francis Fortescue, the son of deceased, and Henry Aylmer Greene, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £120,000. The testator bequeaths to his said son £10,000 free of duty, to each of his three trustees, Mr. Greene, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Clerk, £100; and legacies and annuities to his servants. The residue of his property he leaves upon trust for his son Henry for life, and at his death to his children or other issue by his present wife, Mrs. Katherine Frederica Fortescue, and in such proportions and manner as his said son shall appoint.

The will, dated July 31, 1875, of Mr. Charles Blacker Vignoles, late of No. 12, Delahay-street, Westminster, civil engineer, who died on Nov. 17 last, at Hythe, Southampton, was proved on Dec. 22 by Hutton Vignoles and Henry Vignoles, sons of the deceased, and William Francis Nettleship, the acting executors, the personal estate being sworn under £60,000. The testator bequeaths to his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Vignoles, an immediate legacy of £1000 and an annuity of £1500, with the residential part of his premises in Delahay-street, for life; he also devises to her use for life his freehold property in and near Hythe, and on her decease to his grandson, Charles Auguste Vignoles. There are annuities to his sons, Charles Francis Ferdinand Vignoles and the Rev. Olinthus Vignoles, and to his daughter, Mrs. Croudace; legacies to grandchildren and other bequests, and the residue of his property he leaves to his said sons, Hutton and Henry.

The will and codicil, both dated June 28, 1872, of General Robert Henry Colvile, late of Kempsey House, Worcestershire, who died Nov. 1 last, at No. 16, Suffolk-street, Pall-mall, were proved on the 21st ult. by the Rev. Frederick Leigh Colvile, the nephew, the sole executor, the personal estate being sworn under £35,000. The testator bequeaths £1000 for the purpose of augmenting the endowment of St. John the Evangelist, Hazlewood, Derbyshire, and £500 in order to provide a permanent fund to keep it in repair; he gives Kempsey House, with the furniture, &c., and the Kempsey estate, to his said nephew, Frederick Leigh Colvile; and, subject to some other legacies, he leaves his residuary estate to the children of his three late brothers.

The will, dated Dec. 22, 1873, of Mr. Thomas Venables, late of Park House, Wanstead, Essex, who died on Nov. 10 last, has been proved by Thomas Glascott Venables and Charles Venables, the sons, the acting executors, the personal estate being sworn under £35,000. The testator leaves to his wife, Mrs. Frances Venables, his household furniture and effects absolutely, and his residence, Park House, and £1000 per annum for life; on her death Park House is to go to his grandson, Gilbert Lock Venables. He gives legacies to his sisters and his wife's sister, and the residue to his said two sons.

The will, dated Sept. 25, 1875, of Mr. Thomas Webb Greene, Q.C., J.P. and D.L. for Essex, late of No. 9, Upper Wimpole-street, Marylebone, and of Great Baddow Hall, Essex, who died Nov. 14 last, was proved on the 3rd ult. by Mrs. Anna Lucy Greene, the widow, and William Greene, the brother, the executors, under £20,000.

The will, dated March 29, 1875, of Lieut.-General George James, R.A., late of Hersham, Surrey, who died on Nov. 1 last, has been proved by Francis James and the Rev. Charles Caldecott James, the executors, the personalty being sworn under £14,000. After giving some legacies the testator leaves the residue to his three nephews, the Rev. John Acland James, the Rev. Charles Caldecott James, and Arthur Coleridge James.

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